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# ANNUAL REPORT

*Incorporating the Audited  
Financial Statements  
2022/2023*

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## **\* VISION \***

A community which is vibrant, attractive and growing and values its heritage and environment and promotes a sustainable local economy.

## **\* OUR MISSION \***

To deliver effective, efficient and sustainable services which instil pride and co-operation, whilst providing a vibrant lifestyle and preserving our heritage

## **\* OUR VALUES \***

### Leadership

To provide effective leadership for the community.

### Services

To provide services which are responsive and meet the needs of the community.

### Governance

Council will act in the best interest of the community whilst fulfilling its ethical and statutory obligations.

### Fiscal Management

Council will apply sound financial management principles and prudential management practices to ensure efficient and effective use of its resources.

## **\* KEY RESULT AREA \***

<b>KRA 1</b>	Economic sustainability
<b>KRA 2</b>	Infrastructure
<b>KRA 3</b>	Community wellbeing
<b>KRA 4</b>	The environment
<b>KRA 5</b>	Representative and accountable local government

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## **FROM THE MAYOR : 2022/2023 :**

Our year 2022 ended with the 4-year cycle of Local Government Elections. It is a time-consuming exercise that adds more work to the Chief Executive Officer and all working Councillors end up 'standing still'. We have little enough interaction with Staff and Ratepayers as it is but during Election cycle the restrictions are onerous and border on draconian. We are elected for a 4-year term and should be able to carry out all our duties without fear of retribution. Not 'Crossing the Line' is obvious but please give us the intelligence to know right from wrong.

Our Council had 2 changes after our election results – Cllr Mike Pickering resigned due to ill-health and sadly passed away and Cllr Belinda Spooner chose not to stand again. We now have our full quota of 8 councillors and a Mayor and all are settling in to the duties and restrictions of being a councillor. All have undertaken training modules and have spent the last 12 months finding their feet.

Disturbing has been the extra money we have had to pay for the election process (all because we had a 67% voter turn-out) and the angst and worry that the process took with regard to the filing of all paperwork on-line. A very stressful time for most.

The staff under the direction of the CEO have completed a good year and all but fulfilled the work and direction of the budget. Our CEO has lead the staff, re-organised the hierarchical structure and spent time over and above deep-diving on our finances. Sad to say, we did not have a complete picture of the financial situation but, thanks to the CEO, now know what we have, what we can spend and how to keep the budget under control.

One of the things being tightened now is the requirement of all ratepayers to make regular payment of their rates – the CEO has reviewed the debts that were being incurred and has now put organisation and method in to place to enable anyone/everyone to be able to use the rules and regulations to ensure that rates are caught up and paid on a constant basis. Our rate income has increased, ratepayers are relieved that someone has shown them how to budget and the council budget is looking very much healthier.

Our Strategic and Business plans etc have all been reviewed and rewritten and the way forward for the coming years is very clear.

Thank you to our CEO for leading the Staff, the Councillors and our Committees through the year's work so successfully.

A pleasing note has been the Tree Planting Projects that have been inspired by the community asking for them and the donation of almost 400 trees by a Rural Ratepayer. We had a wonderful planning and planting period and the trees on No1 project are almost all growing. No2 Project is in the planning stages and will be completed shortly by the people of our satellite community – Yongala. A very satisfying outcome and a great effort by our Works Manager and our Community Development Officer.

We have had a number of staff resignations/replacements throughout the year and are now dealing with the impending departure of the CEO. A panel is working hard to ensure a smooth transition to a new CEO in the New year. It adds extra work to other staff and extra money has to be found in the budget but we will overcome the backward step or two and be stronger for the challenge.



I thank our CEO and his staff for the work on behalf of the Council, the Residents and Ratepayers throughout the year. I admire everyone's loyalty and determination to succeed and to do a good job – always. I also applaud the ingenuity that comes to light from time to time – just because a staff member has thought of a better more efficient way to do something – great stuff!

My Councillors work hard for the community and all have interests that are in line with community organisations and the will of the ratepayers that they serve. We have councillors that are helping drought-stricken families, men's health, Schools and School Students, Libraries, Hospital and Aged Care, Halls and Parks, organisations like Lions Rotary, RSL, Miniature Rail, Tourism, Farming, Progress Associations, Sport, Community projects – you name it – my councillors are involved.

Thank you to everyone who supports DCP – our Local Government Association, The Minister for Local Government, our Local Members of Parliament – both State and Federal and the independent residents on our committees. Everyone plays a vital part in ensuring that the District Council of Peterborough does the job that it is meant to do.



Ruth Whittle OAM JP  
Mayor  
District Council Peterborough

## **REPORT FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER : 2022/2023**

A continued effort through the year to complete the works program associated with the Drought Funded projects, projects funded under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI) Phase 2 and 3 associated with the Federal Government's COVID stimulus packages and Roads to Recovery projects. With ongoing supply challenges being faced by the staff and contractors, most projects were completed as budgeted.

With tourism remaining a key focus. The Steamtown Heritage Rail Centre also welcomed a boost with the completion of the Federal Government funded "Silver to Sea Way" project of restoration works of the roundhouse building. The project was a joint concern involving the National Trust of SA, Northern Areas and Port Pirie Regional Councils, Outback Communities Authority and five indigenous communities. Apart from the restoration works, the Silver to Sea Way project is a major upgrade and promotion of the heritage rail trail extending from Broken Hill to Port Pirie. Its significance to tourism in the Council and the region is paramount and Council welcomes the restoration works at Steamtown.

During the year Council participated in Shared Services with other Councils to increase efficiency and reduce costs. The collaboration of Councils has enabled the formation of the Flinders Alliance being established under a Memorandum of Understanding between the Port Pirie, Mount Remarkable, Northern Areas, Orroroo Carrieton, Flinders Ranges and Peterborough Councils. In addition Council continues to share resources and being involved with joint initiatives that includes:

- Regional Development Assessment Panel
- Shared employment of the Environmental Health Officer & WHS/Risk Officer
- Northern Passenger Transport Network
- Mid North StarClub Field Officer
- Shared Auditor

The Council is fully committed to sharing resources to deliver services with our neighbouring councils and to work more collaboratively for the continued improvement of our communities. This is further supported by the continued active participation in the Legatus Group activities with 14 other councils.

To ensure continuous improvement in the services provided, Council performed a review of its waste management practices and operations of the Waste Transfer Station. The review resulted in a successful application being submitted to Green Industries SA (GISA) under the Food Waste for Healthy Soils Grant program, for the establishment of a composting facility in Peterborough and the introduction of Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) collection. Council is working closely with GISA for the successful delivery of the project over the coming years. The Composting Trial and FOGO collection will see Council, as a small regional council, be a leader in this space that aims to include neighbouring councils and their communities to participate. With the clear outcome to establish a "local" circular economy, this project significantly improves Council's environmental credentials.

Council undertook a comprehensive review of its Long Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Plan, along with its governance structure. These reviews are essential to ensure that a clear and collaborative direction is provided, services are continued in a sustainable manner, financial sustainability is achieved, assets are renewed in a timely and efficient manner, and for Council to continue to comply with its legislative obligations.

Amendments to the Local Government Act 1999 commenced on the 17 November 2022, which included the oversight role of the Essential Services Commission of SA (ESCOSA), it is imperative that Council acts in a responsible and strategic manner in the future.

I would like to thank Mayor Ruth Whittle and Councillors for their deliberations during the year and the staff for all their hard work and support, it is greatly appreciated.



*Stephen Rufus*  
*Chief Executive Officer*

## **REPORT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION : 2022/2023**

The Financial Statements for the District Council of Peterborough for the 2022-2023 financial year form part of this Annual Report.

The Annual Financial Statements for 2022/2023 were subject to a contingent liability of \$4.5m. The Peterborough Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) was commissioned in October 2018 and continues to experience failures at the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) High Rate Algal Ponds (HRAP's). The failures have been identified as construction faults that result in the HRAP's liner continuing to fail. Initial investigations determined the best course of rectification to consist of a reconstruction of the HRAP's at an estimated cost of \$4.5m. At the reporting period Council had not received confirmation of funding, or part funding, from the CWMS program to assist with the rectification works and consequently has identified the required works as a contingent liability, due to the financial impact. The financial impact is due to the fact that the servicing of an additional loan for full or part funding associated with the rectification works, over and above the existing loans predominately used for the construction of the CWMS, will negatively impact Council's financial position in particular the Operating Surplus Ratio and Net Financial Liabilities ratio. Furthermore, the servicing cost associated with a potential rectification loan would have a profound effect on Council's operating position, which potentially could result in an increase of General and Service Rates or, a reduction in expenditure thus impacting on Council's service delivery standards to the community.

The overall operating position recorded an operating surplus of \$775,472 as compared to a surplus of \$170,798 in the 2021/2022 year, due mainly to the recording of grant funding received in advance for expenditure in the 2023/2024 year. As a result of continued reconciliations, Council is now reporting an accurate financial position and it is now time to review its capacity to achieve a core based operating surplus. This will ensure Council covers its operating costs and depreciation, and therefore asset replacement, and achieve ongoing financial sustainability.

A key measure of Councils is the Financial Sustainability Ratios that form a strategies key to long term financial sustainability planning. The following table reports the Ratios as a percentage for the past 3 Financial Years, along with Council's target Ratios.

Ratio	Target Range	Year		
		2023	2022	2021
<b>Operating Surplus</b>	0% - 10%	12.0%	2.8%	-4.2%
<b>Operating Surplus – Adjusted</b>		4.0%	-5.5%	-3.5%
<b>Net Financial Liabilities</b>	0% - 100%	66%	78%	94%
<b>Net Financial Liabilities - Adjusted</b>		103%	107%	109%
<b>Asset Renewal Ratio</b>	90% - 110%	148%	112%	129%

The report Financial Indicators clearly illustrates that Council requires continual prudent long term financial management and strategies to ensure that each ratio is maintained within the target ranges.

To conclude, with the pending amendments to the Local Government Act 1999 and Regulations which place greater emphases on Council's financial management planning, the Council is focused on the preparation of sound Long Term Financial Management and Asset Management Plans. With the role of the Essential Services Commission of SA (ESCOSA) set to be legislated to provide oversight of council's Annual Business Plan and Budgets, it is imperative that Council establishes sound future strategic and financial management planning. This approach will ensure ongoing service delivery to the community in a financially responsible, effective and sustainable manner.

*Stephen Rufus*  
*Chief Executive Officer*

## **REPORT FROM THE INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONS MANAGER : 2022/2023**

### **UNSEALED ROAD MAINTENANCE - PATROL GRADING**

Council continued its Patrol Grading program of roads across the district, when unseasonal weather permitted.



### **OTHER DISTRICT ROAD MAINTENANCE**

The Council continued to maintain a district road maintenance network, with regular road maintenance inspections and assessments conducted to identify areas in need of maintenance, especially the detection of potholes, cracks, and other issues. During the inspections of rural roads, reports indicated significant wear and tear, including gravel displacement, erosion, and drainage issues, especially due to the heavy rains.



Grading of rural gravel roads continues to ensure the roads are safe and accessible for agricultural and local traffic, with maintenance activities focussed on clearing blocked drains, repairing culverts, and improving overall water management along the roads.

### **TOWN STREETS MAINTENANCE**

SA Power Networks removed an existing stobie pole from the George Street drain between Queen Street and Moscow Street and installed a new pole between the drain and the property boundary. The Depot Staff completed extensive works cleaning the drain and locating services.

Mowing/slashing of roadside verges, in particular the entrances of Peterborough and the surrounding districts are ongoing and are monitored closely. Again due to the weather conditions, particularly the rains and unpredictable weather patterns in May & June 2023, some areas were delayed as areas become problematic to mow. However, these areas are monitored closely for every opportunity to maintain.

Regular maintenance activities included sweeping, cleaning, repairing, and weed control were undertaken. Council maintains a record of residents who have registered not to have their footpaths sprayed.





The Council Horticultural Trainee whipper snipping.

The Council also works with the MFS who support the under cleaning of the Main Street protuberances which is greatly appreciated when required.

The Main Street is generally well-maintained and there are smooth surfaces, clear signage, and adequate road markings. Some local roads however show signs of wear and deterioration. Potholes, cracks, and uneven surfaces have been observed in certain areas, which at times has required immediate attention to prevent further damage and ensure safe passage. The rainfall and unpredictable weather patterns continued over the latter part of the FY with the Works team monitoring daily, especially drainage, culverts and non-curbed roads.



The Street Sweeper patrolling program was run two days a week, or more frequently when required. Council will also be assisting Mount Remarkable Council in the areas of Murray Town, Wirrabara, Pt Germein, Weeroona Island, Booleroo, Melrose and Wilmington, re our private works contract to street sweep - weather permitting.

### **TOWN FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE**

The Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Project of reconstructing the footpath/walkway from Silver Street to the YMCA Building was completed in June 2023, improving the accessibility and safety, linking the Town Carriage Museum carpark with other main street facilities. The weed spraying/slashing program on footpaths is ongoing due to regular rainfall, which has caused extensive weed growth/re growth.

The footpaths along Badger & Howard Streets were completed by the Works team. Also rectifying the downpipe water issue at the Rotunda which prevented a potentially serious issue from arising.



## **TOWN STORMWATER & DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE**

The stormwater pit on the South Eastern side of Hurlstone Street Rail Crossing was cleared, preventing large amounts of leaf litter and debris clogging the side entry with the other side entry remaining clear, consequently reducing the amount of water build up and allowing a quick dispersal of stormwater after a rain event.

Improvements were made to the Clair Street drain at the intersection of Clair and Moscow Street, with the widening of the drain and the installation of large rocks to slow the water velocity and reduce erosion. This work has also improved property access.

The Kitchener Street drainage problem was addressed with a culvert being installed.



## **PARKS, GARDENS, RESERVES & CEMETERIES**

The program for mowing and ground maintenance of parks and reserves is ongoing and monitored closely on a regular basis. Due to the recent rains and unpredictable weather patterns some areas were delayed as they became problematic to mow. However, the areas were monitored closely for every opportunity to work through. The Council's parks and reserves were fertilized under direction of recent soil testing and recommendations provided.

## **BRIDGES MAINTENANCE**

A preliminary assessment of bridge crossings on Bridges Street has been undertaken by a structural engineer, identifying the need for Council to plan for a bridge replacement program as a matter of priority. Tonkin Consulting Engineers have been engaged to undertake a detailed assessment that will provide recommendations, including measures to increase the safety and life of the existing bridges and/or the priority of replacement. The bridges for consideration are located on Torr Street, Meadows Street, Railway Street, Jervois Street, High Street and Edith Street.

## **SPORTING FACILITIES – OVALS & SWIMMING POOL**

Mowing of parks and reserves program is ongoing on a regular basis with higher than average rainfalls being a contributing factor to the extensive growth. The oval irrigation system is continually monitored and repaired as required.

The Swimming Pool was open from early December 2022 to late March 2023 with program preventative maintenance and water testing compliance carried out as per regulations. Water quality complied with guidelines set by the SA Department of Health and deemed if adequate sanitation was not or could not be maintained for any reason the pool would close. There was no closure in this regard during the 2022 to 2023 season.

Soil testing was carried out by Soil Management Systems of the Oval, Parks and Reserves, and the irrigated areas of the Golf Course. The testing resulted in reports provided for each of the areas including an immediate and ongoing fertilizer and soil management program. Gypsum was applied to the Oval with work for extensive coring, which will be followed by regular fertilizing in accordance with the report recommendations.

The oval irrigation system, due to ongoing issues, is continually assessed by an irrigation company to provide recommendations for repairs and future maintenance.

## **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Clare Valley Waste provide the service of bin collection within the Council area with risk issues being monitored and addressed ensuring safety. There were several requests to pick up old mattresses and other rubbish left on the footpaths. Illegal dumping is closely monitored.

## **TRANSFER STATION**

The concrete blocks at the transfer station have now been placed to create a retaining wall, with the filling of the ramp completed. The new ramp and bin improves functionality and efficiency with the emptying of the bins, along with addressing identified risk issues.

## **CWMS MAINTENANCE**

Routine weekly inspections of the CWMS pumping stations and treatment facility were carried out, which are a legislative requirement, with regular maintenance and testing of the CWMS components, including power supply systems and a backup generator. These are checked weekly to identify and address any potential issues before they become critical. This is particularly important to ensure a reliable and uninterrupted power supply is operating, due to Peterborough having more than regular short power interruptions. It has taken a couple of years for inflow to exceed evaporation, but now that more premises have connected and the Abattoir is operating on a more consistent basis, we anticipate that there will be sufficient inflow to allow for regular watering to occur at the Golf Course. The Council has experienced a few teething problems with the re-use reticulation system such as a couple of leaks and a few sprinkler issues which are being resolved.

The watering of the Golf Course with recycled CWMS water continues to be successful and is regularly monitored.

Professor Fallowfield and seven University students visited the Council's CWMS facilities to carry out research on several areas such as algae concentration and water testing.



## **TREES FOR COMMUNITY**

The Peterborough Tree Planting Forum was held in June 2023 and was well supported by the community with over 25 community members recorded attending the forum. Information about the trees donated and ideas of where, how and when the trees were to be planted were provided by a volunteer and Council's Greg Duggan. Greg provided the forum attendees with excellent information on the appropriate species that should be considered for the planting area in discussion. Mayor Ruth opened the forum and was joined by several Councillors, with feedback remaining primarily positive. Council staff collaborated with participants to support and offer advice or assistance, focusing on "what the community wants".





## **RV PARK**

The RV Park is monitored daily to ensure it is presented as a welcoming, clean and tidy space for visitors. Although the number of caravans are not recorded, there was a noted increase in numbers compared to last year. The Council works closely with the Youth Club to collect the recyclable items.

New signage is planned for the pathway connecting the RV Park and the Main Street, encouraging travellers to visit Steamtown / Visitor Information Centre, and visit the emus and kangaroo sculptures at the Youth Centre. Positive feedback from the community in reference to the path way and accompanying area was received.



## **AERODROME**

Formal serviceability inspections are conducted on a fortnightly basis to ensure emergency services such, as the Royal Flying Doctor Service and others are provided a safe and well maintained facility.

## **CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORTS**

The majority of the Customer Service Reports received were in reference to roads, footpaths, weeds, trees, and dog and cat management.

## **COUNCIL CARAVAN**

Arrangements have been made for the Council caravan, which was on loan to the Lions Club, to be returned to the Council with arrangements for its sale, due to it no longer being required.



*Desley Culpin*  
*Infrastructure & Operations Manager*

## **REPORT FROM THE TOURISM & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER : 2022/2023**

The Tourism and Community development Manager (TCDM) role is multi-faceted, with involvement in tourism development and advertising, as well as community engagement and assistance in community development.

### **1. Tourism in Peterborough and surrounds**

#### **Advertising and marketing:**

Due to the financial situation of the District Council of Peterborough, tourism and advertising was significantly reduced during the 2022/2023 financial year. Relatively inexpensive advertising and marketing has been continued, comprising of the following:

- Regular updates and blog posts on the Make Tracks to Peterborough website
- Maintenance and regular posting on the Make Tracks to Peterborough/ Peterborough SA Facebook and Instagram pages
- Re-print (with minor amendments) of the Peterborough Visitor Guide (3000 copies) for distribution to intrastate and interstate Visitor Information Centres, as well as local businesses.
- Re-print of the Town map and '30 things to see and do' for distribution to businesses in the region.
- 1/2 page in Flinders magazine advertising Steamtown Heritage Rail Centre
- Caravanning Australia Autumn magazine- Peterborough advertisement



The Make Tracks to Peterborough social media pages continue to perform well. In the 2022/ 2023 financial year, the Facebook page reached 202,659 people. This is a dramatic increase from the previous financial year of 47,279 people. Businesses continue to be encouraged to utilise the branding as much as possible for continuity in tourism and product marketing.

#### **Tourism Strategy 2023-2028:**

The Tourism Strategy 2023-2028 has been formally adopted by the District Council of Peterborough, and implementation has commenced. This document underpins the future planning of projects, developments, and marketing strategies of Peterborough and surrounds.

Ideas for projects have stemmed from the Peterborough Tourism Management Committee, Steamtown Heritage Rail Centre staff, 2021 community survey results, 'Brunch with Cosi' event and Regional Development Yorke, Mid North's 'Pool of Ideas' event and the Tourism Forum held in February 2023, facilitated by Susan Lee from Clear Vision Consulting.

The Tourism Forum was held in the meeting room at the District Council of Peterborough, and was a huge success! There were two sessions held- one for community groups and locals, and other for businesses. Across the two sessions, we had over 50 attendees! These forums were a great opportunity for individuals and business people to share their ideas, and assist Council with a plan for the future. Ideas shared from these forums were imbedded into the Tourism Strategy.

#### **Visitor Information Centre/Steamtown Heritage Rail Centre**

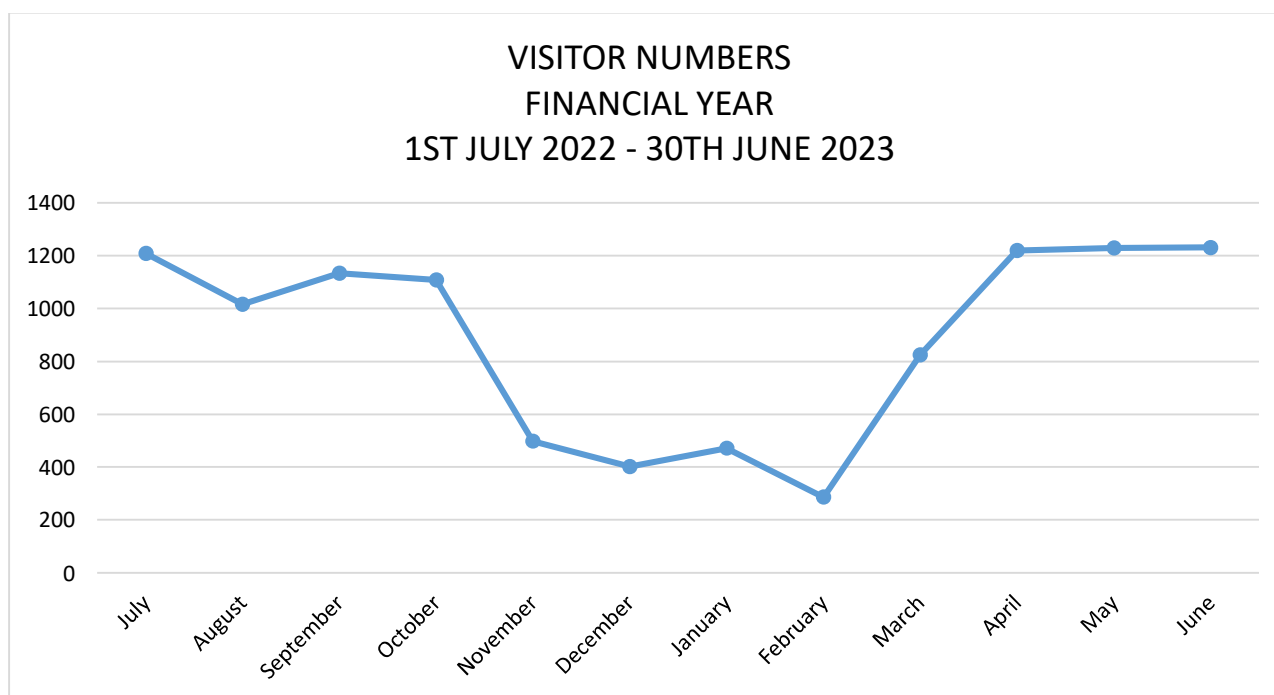
- **Visitor Numbers:** In the past financial year, we welcomed 10,262 visitors into the Visitor Information Centre (compared to 8,094 during the year prior). 7,877 of those booking either a Diesel Shed self-guided tour, Day Tour or Sound and Light show. Essentially, **74.13%** of visitors who walked into the Visitor Information Centre, also visited Steamtown Heritage Rail Centre.
- Visitors travelling to Peterborough during the 2022/23 financial year were from NSW predominantly (25.7%), followed by Victoria (22.2%), and intrastate (22.1%).
- **Income generated:** Over the 2022/2023 financial year, we generated \$322,516 worth of income. \$197,219 of that income was from tours, \$54,998 from the Sound and Light show and \$59,916 from souvenirs. A real credit to the staff.

- **‘How did you hear about Steamtown’?** Continues to be asked to every visitor through the Visitor Information Centre. The three most common answers have been: ‘Driving through’, ‘been here before’ and family/friends ‘word of mouth’.
- Business Plans for Steamtown Heritage Rail Centre and Visitor Information Centre 2023-2028 are under review.

Other points of interest:

- Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points have been installed in the Visitor Information Centre car park. This has been undertaken by RAA as the company selected by the South Australian government to create a first border to border charging network in SA, encompassing the Silver to Sea Way trail.
- We said goodbye to the NSU 62 engine from Steamtown. This was transported (via road) to Farina, on loan to the Farina Restoration group.

## Visitor Information Centre and SHRC 2022/2023



## 2. Community Development and Engagement

### Local Drug Action Team

In 2023, the Local Drug Action Team (LDAT) developed the ‘MOvE’ (Making Opportunities aVailable Everyday) program. A funding application was written in the form of a Community Action Plan, and was successful to the amount of \$29,840 (including a rollover amount from the previous year of \$14,710). The 2023 LDAT comprises of members from the District Council of Peterborough, Peterborough Youth and Community Centre, Peterborough High School, St Joseph’s School, SPRING Suicide Prevention Network, Peterborough and District Lions Club and the Rotary Club of Peterborough.

The Peterborough LDAT will be implementing 4 key objectives, including:

- 1) Partnering with Peterborough High School, and St Joseph’s school to implement the ‘Our Futures’ Program into their curriculum over a 12-month period.
- 2) Identifying and training a Driving Instructor (Peterborough based) to assist youth and community in obtaining their licence for years to come.
- 3) Identifying and training two community members to obtain their Certificate IV in Fitness.
- 4) Develop and implement community exercise sessions ie boot camp, yoga, pilates, mindfulness etc on a regular basis to increase social connectedness.

This program will be completed and all grant funding acquitted by December 2024.

**Grant application assistance for the following groups and organisations:**

- Upgrade of seating- Yongala and District Hall Committee
- South Australian Council of Social Service- Digital Inclusion
- Peterborough Patchworkers- New equipment
- Peterborough Basketball Association- Upgrade of equipment within Sporting Complex

**Active involvement in community groups and otherwise** (with assistance in development of projects):

- The Petersburg Bakehouse (Peterborough Community Enterprises)
- Mid North Sport and Recreation (discontinued in 2022)
- Local Drug Action Team
- South Australia Visitor Information Centre Network
- Christmas Pageant Committee
- Peterborough Youth and Community Centre Committee
- Workplace Health and Safety Committee
- Peterborough Tourism Management Committee
- Southern Flinders Tourism and Taste
- Make Tracks to Peterborough group
- Community tree planting group



Megan Cusack  
Tourism and Community Development Manager

## **REPORT FROM THE DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES OFFICER / FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER: 2022/2023**

### **FIRE PREVENTION**

Rainfall during the 2022/2023 season - South Australia overall had 310.45 mm rainfall in 2022, as an average across the state which is 38.7 per cent above average. The potential for the outbreak of fire in our Council area was average. With no major fires reported.

Rainfall was 38.7% above average for South Australia as a whole.

The previous year was much drier resulting in a limited fuel load. These conditions resulted in average fuel loads for the 2022/2023 season.

Property inspections were completed as per the requirements of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005*, sections 105F, G and H. All rateable properties within the townships of Peterborough, Yongala and Oodla Wirra were inspected for excessive flammable growth and materials. All requirements under the Act were met by both private property owners and Council.

As with previous years, a General Notice was placed in the local newspapers and Council's Informer publication.

### **DIT PROPERTIES AND LAND**

Council continues to engage with the Department to streamline the process of the compliant reduction of fuel loads within the rail precinct. The MOA in place with the Department is working well, with communication and dialogue

### **GENERAL COMPLIANCE**

Council's focus has been in regulating Council's By-Laws and responding to complaints from residents and property owners relating to breaches of various Acts and pieces of Legislation under the control of Council. Most breaches are unintentional and easily rectified with communication and education strategies.

### **DOG AND CAT MANAGEMENT**

The DACO Dog and Cat Online system has streamlined the process of registering dogs and cats, not only for Council but also for the general public, most users are complimentary of the system and process once they have used it and become familiar with the layout. The mandating of microchipping for dogs and cats has made the process of identifying lost/wandering animals much faster resulting in less stress on these animals and reduced cost to Council.

#### **Dog and Cat Management Board – National Desexing Network Program:**

The Dog and Cat Management Board in conjunction with the National Desexing Network, provided a mechanism to assist in the desexing of cats for local cat owners. 50% funding was contributed by the DCMB with Council contributing the other 50% (\$2300 each). This program resulted in 34 cats being desexed (13 x males, 21 x females, including 6 pregnant or in season), which is an excellent start in trying to manage the cat population.

There were 329 cats desexed through the program statewide, so a great achievement by the local community and council. Consequently, the program will be continued for the 2023/24 year.

Council's Animal Management Plan, which was completed and activated in May 2022, resulted in the implementation during this FY period. Complimenting management practices and procedures of Council into the future.

### **CORE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Legislative Compliance
- Property Management
- Fire Prevention

### **DELEGATIONS / AUTHORISATIONS**

- *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*
- *Development Act 1993*
- *Local Government Act 1999*
- *Road Traffic Act 1961*
- *Expiation of Offences Act 1996*
- *Unclaimed Goods Act 1987*
- *Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005*
- *Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016*
- *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*
- *Environmental Protection Act 1993*
- *Tobacco Products Regulation Control Act 1997*
- *Disability Inclusion Act 2018*
- *Community Titles Act 1996*
- *Land and Business (sale and conveyancing) Act 1994*
- *South Australian Public Health Act 2011*
- *Safe Drinking Water Act 2011*
- *Strata Titles Act 1988*
- *Water Industry Act 2012*
- *Council By-Laws*

### **COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE / COMMITTEE**

- Bushfire Management Committee Flinders Mid North Yorke
- Authorised Persons Association
- Building Fire Safety Committee
- YMN Zone Emergency Management Committee
- DC Peterborough Emergency Management Committee



*Lawrence Heath*  
*Property and Regulatory Services Officer*



## **REPORT FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER: 2022/2023**

In the 2022 – 2023 financial year there was a total of 31 Development Applications processed, with a total monetary value of \$1.01M

These included:

- Accepted Development (5)
- Deemed to Satisfy (4)
- Performance Assessed (19)
- To Be Determined (3)

Development Application submissions are lower than last year's numbers, the ePlanning system and portal has streamlined application times and management of applications from a Council perspective, requests for further information is much easier to manage. Reporting features and other further functions have been updated regularly, making the portal a valuable resource for Council. Some members of the public are still having problems with computer literacy and the process in general.

The building fire safety inspections main focus has been on Council owned public buildings, which will place Council in a proactive stance, All council assets have been inspected and were needed made compliant with current codes and regulations. Highlighting Council's lead by example compliance focus. Bed and Breakfast businesses continue to be a focus for inspections, these types of businesses are deemed to be high risk.



*Lawrence Heath*  
*Property & Regulatory Services Officer*

## REPORT FROM THE RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE : 2022/2023

**OPENING HOURS: 9am - 1.00pm / 2.00pm - 3.30pm**

**Staff:** Di Harris Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday  
Mary Martin Thursday & Friday

**Relief Staff:** Sharon Parker

The Rural Transaction Centre is open for 6 hours a day, Monday – Friday. It is the district Agency for both Services Australia (ie Centrelink) and Service SA, the nearest Customer Service Centre being Port Pirie.

**Services Australia** (which **Centrelink** is part of) clients are serviced from 9am – 1.00pm with Services Australia providing two telephones, access to a computer, photo-copier, fax and scanning facility for their customers.

**Service SA** offers assistance/gateway to State Government departments. As a Rural Agent for Service SA we offer Learner Driver Theory Examinations and Boat Licence Theory Tests, these are arranged by appointment. As well as a Rural Agent for Service SA we are also a Service Agent, which entails extra services being available from this office, for the general public, through the Ezyreg program.

The Rural Transaction Centre core activities also include:

**‘The Informer’** which is a free, monthly publication by the Council, delivered to residents of Peterborough and district, keeping them up to date with information submitted by Council, service and sporting clubs, organisations etc. It is edited and printed at the Rural Transaction Centre – then compiled by a willing band of Volunteers at the Community & School Library.

### Thank You to those Volunteers

**‘Welcome Kit’** containing a wealth of local information for new residents (eg recycling/rubbish arrangements; emergency contacts; hospital contacts and information – in fact, most things a ‘newcomer’ would need to have at hand) from Council, which is also printed and compiled at the Centre.

**Services available for a small fee are :**

Secretarial Services	Laminating	Scanning / Emailing
Photo-copying	Binding	Faxing
Offices for hire		

Statistics from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 include:-

NAME OF ORGANISATION	ANNUAL TRANSACTIONS		Average Number. of TRANSACTIONS per WEEK	
	am	pm	am	pm
Centrelink – Services Australia	914	242	17.9	4.7
Service SA - Non - Financial	435	247	8.5	4.8
Service SA - Financial	127	122	2.5	2.4
Photo-Copying, Faxing, Typing, Laminating, Binding, Scanning Emailing etc	156	74	3.1	1.5
Hire Of Office	61	0	1.2	0.0
The Informer	284	122	5.6	2.4

*Di Harris & Mary Martin  
Rural Transaction Centre*



## **REPORT FROM PETERBOROUGH SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY LIBRARY : 2022/2023**

Peterborough is a unique facility where the Local Council Community Library and Peterborough High School Library share a building and resources but run autonomous units ie: staff, budget and equipment.

<b>Council Staff:</b>	Christine Malycha	Senior Library Assistant – level 3
	Michelle Travaille	Library Assistant – level 2
<b>Relief Staff:</b>	Emma Limburg	Library Assistant – level 1
<b>High School Staff:</b>	Amanda Tuckwell	SSSO – Student/Library services

**One Card Network:** Peterborough through the “One Card” network is connected to all other Public Libraries throughout South Australia. One local borrowing card gives patrons access to all loanable resources throughout the network (over 130 libraries) either in person or via the Internet.

**Registered users:** 630 patrons

**Loans for 22/23:** 18996 items *{equates to 30.15 loans per patron per year}*

<b>Services:</b>	Books for all ages	Free internet usage + Wireless Network
	Children’s zone area	Newspaper
	Computer facilities	Large print books
	Audio Book services	CD’s - DVD’s
	State wide Interlibrary loans	eBooks
	Local history collection	Family history research support

**Programmes:** Children’s book week promotions: Involving all surrounding schools  
Fortnightly outreach storytelling services to Peterborough Preschool  
School holiday activities for 4-12 year – take home activity packs  
Family history research Short term house bound services  
Premier’s reading challenge Co-ordination of Informer collation

**Events 22/23:** **APRIL-MAY 23: SPACE TO DREAM Exhibition:** The SA Commissioner for children and young people each year selects approx. 20 of the top-rated Space to Dream 2D & 3D design winners of the digital design challenge for children to go on display, firstly at the Australian Space Discovery Centre and then around metro & regional libraries. Peterborough was fortunate to be one of only 5 Regional libraries to be accepted to host the exhibition. Community members and classes all took the opportunity to view the month-long exhibition in the library Foyer.

**AUTHOR EVENT: CORRINE FENTON:** The library was privileged to have award winning children’s author Corrine Fenton give a relaxed presentation to a mixed group of 15 community members and 11 PHS students; sharing her love of writing children’s picture books and the process involved to get printed. A shared morning tea followed with Corinne chatting to everyone and personally signing books purchased, especially her book “Bob the railway Dog”.



*Christine Malycha & Michelle Travaille  
School and Community Library*

## **REPORT FROM PETERBOROUGH YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE : 2022/2023**

The Peterborough Youth Centre (previously known as the SARI Hall), is an important asset for the Peterborough Community, providing an identified 'safe' community space for young people to engage in youth specific activities and events, as well as creating leadership opportunities for local youth. Since the re-opening of the Centre in early 2016, the Youth Centre has developed beyond the youth space into a place for the broader community, with regular utilisation by local business and community groups. It is also used as an education and training facility for further education courses provided to the community.

This report presents information relating to building usage and relevant youth related activities for the 2022-2023 financial year calendar.

<b>ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>REPORTED No</b>	<b>BREAKDOWN</b>
Building Hire		6-8 (average monthly hires)
Number of Volunteers	6	6 (youth activities) 3 (driver training)*
Volunteer Hours	235	160 (Youth Activities) 75 (Driver Training)
Number of Youth Activities	11	9 (PHAT Nights)
Youth Visits	151	32 (attendance average) 9 (PHAT Night attendance average)
<i>*total of 6 volunteers, with one volunteer doing both PHAT and driver training</i>		

### **Building upgrades**

The following upgrade has been completed in the 2022-2023 financial year with the installation of the 2 door garage to house the driver training vehicle, sports equipment and general maintenance equipment.

Electrical component to be completed for the Garage and upgrade to the Youth centre building.

Netball post installation - Stronger Communities Programme Round 8 - Successful application Grant

### **Usage of the building**

Once again usage of the Youth Centre facility was steady over the 2022-2023 financial year with regular bookings from external organisations for point in time projects or ongoing programs. The Facility was used for Programs such as Digital Inclusion in Regional Communities, Community Bridging Services support programs, ATwork Australia Jobs for the Mobs and local community group meetings. Fridays at the Youth Centre are dedicated to management of the Driver Training Program, youth related activities such as PHAT night. Ongoing partnership with PBS radio which co-habits the Centre.

### **Volunteer Hours**

The Youth Centre currently has 6 active volunteers who provide support under two volunteering streams at the Centre: Youth Activities or Driver Training. Volunteers under the 'Youth Activities' stream are involved in the Youth Action Committee meetings, Monthly Volunteer meetings, supporting the Youth PHAT nights, working bees and fundraising activities for the group. Volunteers of the 'Driver Training' program assist by mentoring students in driving hours using the dedicated 'Learn to Drive' vehicle. Total recorded volunteer hours over the 12 month period were 235 hours equating to \$10,120.00 in measured financial volunteer benefit. All volunteers have undergone DSCI screening checks,

and undertaken training in First Aid and Child Safe Environments (including mandatory reporting). The Youth Centre Coordinator maintains records of all volunteer training and initiates training courses through grant funding opportunities and council to maintain relevant certifications for their roles.

Advertising for volunteers will see the induction and training of 4 new volunteers to the Youth Centre to assist with PHAT nights and fund-raising activities in the next month.

Volunteer upskilling has been the focus for the last 6 months. All Volunteers and staff will renew Child Safe Environment Training through Centre Care in the coming weeks  
First Aid to be the next priority.

### **Youth Activities**

Youth Activities for the 2022-2023 financial year include monthly PHAT nights, hosting the Easter Egg Hunt and a Disco during the Art and Cultural Festival. PHAT night attendance has seen a steady increase in numbers and on an average night 20 to 30 young people attend the Youth Centre PHAT nights, with a surprising attendance at one Friday PHAT night of 56!

### **Future directions**

Youth engagement remains a major focus for the Centre and its relevant management committees.

The Move Program – ‘Making Opportunities aVailable Everyday’ is a program designed to improve the wellbeing of the Peterborough Community, and particularly youth. Funded by the Alcohol and Drug Foundation as part of the Local Drug Action Team program (LDAT), the Peterborough LDAT have developed a Community Action Plan for 2023-2024 including the MOVE Program and have identified key focus areas for the community including drug and alcohol prevention, youth education and independence, exercise and wellbeing, and the development of lifelong skills.

Activities of the Peterborough 2023-2024 LDAT Community Action Plan include :

1. Our Future Program for youth – an online health and wellbeing intervention program that focuses on drug and alcohol education in schools
2. Education and Training – supporting a local to become a certified Driver Instructor
3. Education and Training – supporting two young people to become certified Personal Trainers
4. Community Group Exercise sessions – a series of group exercise sessions will be offered to the Peterborough Community, to increase social and physical wellbeing as well as provide mentoring to the two individuals undergoing their Personal Training certification.

Renewing of the ‘murals’ on the front of the Youth Centre to be completed with Grant assistance through Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal in the initial stages of gathering quotes from Artists based in South Australia

## GEOGRAPHICS:



Area :	2,995 km <sup>2</sup>
Population :	1678
Sealed Roads :	43.40 km
Unsealed Roads :	1191 km
Number of Assessments :	1,916
Number of Billable Assessments:	1,686
Rate Revenue (Total) :	\$1,501,000
Income (Total) :	\$5,452,000
Total Expenditure :	\$5,307,551

**Local Industries :** Primary production, Abattoir, Engineering, Tourism

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

<u>Mayor:</u>	(Mrs) IR (Ruth) Whittle OAM	1983 - 1991 → as Mayor
<u>Deputy Mayor:</u>	Cr C Chambers	2010 - Nov 2018 → as Deputy Mayor
<u>Councillors:</u>	(No Wards)	Eight (8) elected members

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

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### **Council Members (November 2022 – current)**

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<b>July 2022 – November 2022 Council Members:</b>	Belinda SPOONER Michael PICKERING

## **STAFF OF COUNCIL : 2022 - 2023**

### **Chief Executive Officer :**

Stephen Rufus

### **Postal Address:**

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### **Facsimile Number:**

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### **Auditor:**

Creative Auditing

### **Insurance Brokers:**

Local Government Risk Services

### **Bankers:**

Bank SA  
Local Government Finance Authority (LGFA) – Investments

### **Administrative Staff**

Desley Culpin

Sally Kent

Infrastructure & Operations Manager (From Mar 2023)  
Acting Corporate & Finance Manager/ Governance &  
Administration Manager /Council support /Executive  
Assistant

Lawrence Heath

Brian Sickles/Sophie Limoux

Jennie Window

Megan Cusack

Sharon Parker

Peta Coult

Cathy Spagnoli

Cheryl Miller

*Chris Thomson*

*Nadene Whittenbury*

*Lyne Kelly*

Property & Regulatory Services Officer

Environmental Health Officers

WHS Risk Coordinator

Tourism Community Development Manager

Admin Team Member

Admin Team Member

Admin Team Member

Admin Team Member

*Infrastructure & Operations Manager (to Dec 2022)*

*Corporate & Finance Manager (to Sept 2022)*

*Payroll Officer/Debtors/Rates (to Sept 2022)*

### **Infrastructure & Operations Staff**

Anthony Casey – Infrastructure & Operations Supervisor

Robin Mangnoson

Troy Madex

Michael Wilkinson

Russell Hill

Alastair McLatchie

Trainees: Abe Borowicki and Bryce Tuckwell

Bruce Woods

Garry Lock

### **Peterborough and Community Library**

Christine Malycha

Michelle Travaille

Emma Limburg

Lawrie Tyas

Library Assistant

Library Assistant

Relief Library Assistant

Relief Library Assistant

### **Human Services Department**

Dianne Harris

Mary Martin

Rural Transaction Centre Manager

Customer Service Officer RTC



**Peterborough Swimming Pool**

Janet Fielding

Supervisor

**Peterborough Town Hall**

Greg Duggan

Caretaker

**COUNCIL INFORMATION:**

This information is published under Section 9 of the Freedom of Information Act 1991 as amended, and applying from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2002. Council welcomes enquiries regarding the legislation. An updated information Statement is to be published at least every 12 months.

**Structure & Functions of Council**

Full Council, consisting of eight Councillors and the Mayor, is the decision making body on all policy matters. Ordinary meetings of Council are held on the third Monday of every month, in the Council Chamber, 108 Main Street Peterborough, commencing at 7.30pm.

*Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings.*

**Council Committees – Local Government Act 1999**

Committees can be formed on an ad-hoc basis, or can be “standing” committees. These Committees meet and unless otherwise authorised, only make recommendations to Council on whatever matter the Committee was formed, e.g. Peterborough Tourism Management Committee, Youth Action Committee, Audit Committee, Council Properties Committee, Christmas Pageant Committee.

**Agendas & Minutes**

Agendas of all full Council and Council Committee meetings are placed on public display no less than three days prior to those meetings.

Minutes are placed on display at the office within five days of that meeting, and are also available on Council’s website: [www.peterborough.sa.gov.au](http://www.peterborough.sa.gov.au)

**Delegations**

The Chief Executive Officer and other Officers have been delegated authority from Council to make decisions on a number of specified administrative and policy matters. These delegations are listed and are reviewed annually, and otherwise as required, by Council.

Council makes decisions which direct and/or determine its activities and functions.

Such decisions include the approval of works and services to be undertaken, and the resources which are to be made available to undertake such works and services.

Decisions are also made to determine whether or not approvals are to be granted for applications from residents for various forms of developments.

**Policy Documents**

The following policies have been adopted in the reporting year adding to Council’s wide range of policies already used. All Council policies and By-Laws are available for viewing on the Council website and/or at the main office on Main Street, Peterborough :-

<u>Policy Name</u>	<u>Adoption Date</u>	<u>Motion No.</u>
Debtors Management Policy	15/08/22	80/22
EM – Allowances & Benefits	30/11/22	117/22
EM – Behavioural Management	30/11/22	116/22

### **Services for the Community 2022 – 2023**

Full Council makes decisions on policy issues relating to services that are provided for members of the public. These currently include :-

Dog Control	Street Tree Planting	War Memorials
Traffic Control Devices	Tourism	Street Lighting
Fire Prevention/Protection	Litter Control	Car Parks
Environmental Health Inspection	Storm Water Drainage	Public Seating
Immunisation Program	Library	Parking Controls
Recreational/Sporting Facilities	Community Halls	Museums
Planning Controls	Parking Bays	CWMS
Street Closures	Garbage Collection/Disposal	Street Sweeping
Parks & Reserves	Playground Equipment	Litter Bins
Cemeteries	Swimming Pool	Public Toilets
Roads/Footpaths/Kerbing	Clean Air Controls	Building Controls

Council's Service Directory (Welcome Kit) – a listing of all services and contact details, is regularly updated at the Rural Transaction Centre and distributed to new residents.

"The Informer" – a free, monthly publication sponsored by Council – edited and printed by the Rural Transaction Centre and compiled at the Community/School Library by a dedicated group of volunteers – is distributed throughout the township and district via post boxes.

The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer keep the community informed of Council activities/projects and events through this newsletter and Council's Facebook page.



### Council Representation on Various Organisations/Committees:

<b>Section 41 Committee</b>	<b>Appointee</b>
Audit	Mayor Whittle & Cr Hotchin & Cr Chambers & Cr Miller
Christmas Pageant	Cr Hotchin & Cr Mercer
Tourism Management	Mayor Whittle, Cr Mercer & CEO
Council Properties	Mayor Whittle, Cr Chambers, Cr Miller, Cr Hucks & CEO

<b>Other Committee/Organisation</b>	<b>Appointee / Representative</b>
Peterborough Building Fire Safety	Council's Fire Prevention Officer
State Bushfire Co-ordination	Council's Fire Prevention Officer
FMN&Y Bushfire Management Cttee	Council's Fire Prevention Officer
Local Gov Assoc of SA	Mayor Whittle, proxy Cr Chambers
Legatus	Mayor Whittle
Local Gov Finance Authority	Mayor Whittle, proxy Cr Chambers
Peterborough Community Library	Cr T Martin & Tourism and Community Development Manager
Peterborough High School Governing Council	Cr Sleep
Murray Darling Assoc – Reg 8	Mayor Whittle & Cr Sleep

### Public Participation:

#### **Council Meetings**

Members of the public have a number of opportunities to put forward their views on particular issues before Council. These are :-

##### Deputations

With the permission of the Mayor, a member of the public can address the Council personally, either as an individual or on behalf of a group of residents, on any issue relevant to Council.

##### Petitions

Written petitions can be addressed to Council on any issue within the Council's jurisdiction.

##### Written Requests

A member of the public can write to the Council on any Council policy, activity or service.

##### Elected Members

Members of the public can contact any elected member of Council to discuss any issue relevant to Council.

### Council Consultation

The Council consults with local residents on particular issues that affect their neighbourhood. A Public Consultation policy was adopted in December 2000 (reviewed annually) and is available for inspection at the Council office and on the Council web-site.

### **Access to Council Documents**

The following documents are available for public inspection at the Council office and copies are available for a small charge.

- ❖ Agenda and Minutes
- ❖ Budget Statement
- ❖ Policy Manual, inc:
  - ❖ Members Code of Conduct
  - ❖ Code of Practice for Access to Meetings and Documents
  - ❖ Employees Code of Conduct
- ❖ Annual Report
- ❖ Annual Financial Statement
- ❖ Development Plan
- ❖ Assessment Book
- ❖ Strategic Plan
- ❖ Council's By-Laws
- ❖ Register of Fees and Charges

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1999 – Section 131 & Schedule 4

### s131

#### **Legal Costs**

During the 2022-2023 year \$38,663 was expended on legal costs, which is reported in Note 3 – Expenses of the General Purpose Financial Reports.

### Schedule 4

#### **Clause 1**

(a) **Audited Financial Statements**

A copy of the audited Financial Statement is attached - see Attachment II

(b) **Registers**

The following is a list of Council registers as required by the Local Government Act 1999 or the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999: -

Members Register of Interests  
Members Register of Allowances and Benefits  
Register of Employee Salaries, Wages and Benefits  
Officer Register of Interests  
Register of Gifts and Benefits  
Fees and Charges  
Community Land  
Public Roads  
By-Laws

OTHER REGISTERS ALSO HELD BY COUNCIL:

Cemetery Register  
Dog Registration Register  
Mobile Garbage Bin Register  
Deeds Register  
Lease and Contracts Register  
Assessment Book  
Development Applications Register

(c) **Codes of Conduct**

- Council adopted its Code of Conduct – Elected Members as required under Sections 63 of the Local Government Act, 1999 on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2003 and was amended on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2013. This was then replaced with:
  - EM – Behavioural Management adopted on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- Council adopted its Code of Conduct – Employees as required under Sections 110 of the Local Government Act, 1999 on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013.
- Council adopted its Code of Conduct – Volunteers on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019.
- Council adopted its Code of Practice – Access to Meetings, Committees and Documents as required under Section 92 of the Local Government Act, 1999 on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2003 and was updated on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

(d) **Allowances**

Information on allowances paid to members of Council : -

Mayor :	(Mrs) I (Ruth) Whittle OAM	\$31,390
Deputy Mayor :	Cr Cassandra Chambers	\$ 9,804
Councillors :	Cr Michael Burford	\$ 9,269
	Cr Ray Hotchin	\$ 6,920
	Cr Graham Mercer	\$ 7,843
	Cr Kim Miller	\$ 7,843
	Cr Michael Pickering	\$ 1,128
	Cr Russell Sleep	\$ 7,843
	Cr Belinda Spooner	\$ 4,247
	Cr Neil Hucks	\$ 3,596
	Cr Teena Martin	\$ 3,596

(e) **Senior Executive Officers**

Information on the number of senior executive officers, allowances, bonuses and benefits is as follows: -

**Chief Executive Officer**

Salary, Contract, Motor Vehicle - Business and private use, Telephone Subsidy

**Infrastructure & Operations Manager**

Salary, Contract, Motor Vehicle - Business and private use

(f) **Confidential Minutes**

Council and Committees excluded the public from the meetings on ten (10) occasions in 2022/2023 under section 90(2). These were as follows:

	Date	Subject	Section	Conf Doc/Report	Revoked
1	18 Jul 22	CWMS	(i)	Yes	No
2	15 Aug 22	HR Matters	(a) (h)	Yes	No
3	19 Sep 22	CWMS	(i)	Yes	No
4	19 Sep 22	HR Matters	(a) (h)	Yes	No
5	17 Oct 22	HR Matters	(a) (h)	Yes	No
6	19 Dec 22	HR Matters	(a) (h)	Yes	No
7	20 Mar 23	Magnetite Mines	(b)(d)	Yes	Yes
8	20 Mar 23	CEO Performance Review & HR Review	(a)	Yes	No
9	17 Apr 23	Public Lighting Dispute	(h), (i)	Yes	No
10	19 Jun 23	CEO Performance Review	(a)	Yes	No

Council, pursuant to section 91(7) of the Act, ordered ten (10) reports be kept confidential. One (1) of these orders was revoked and nine (9) remain operative during 2022/23. One (1) previous order from 2019/20 remains operative.

(g) **Freedom of Information**

An Information Statement is published by the District Council of Peterborough in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 1991 on Council's website.

Statistics:

One (1) application under the Freedom of Information Act was received by Council for the 12 months to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. It was completed and none were refused.

(h) **Representation Quota**

The last Representation Review as prescribed in Section 12(4) Local Government Act, 1999 was completed in 2017. The next Representation Review date as determined by the Minister for State/Local Government Relations, will appear as a Gazettal Notice.

- There are no wards within the District Council of Peterborough.
- The Representation Quota for this Council is 1/137 Electors : 1,235
- Councillors were elected for a four (4) year term - the next election is November 2026.

Council is cognisant of the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Local Government Act, 1999 for electors to make submissions on representation under the Act, and the community was advised of the opportunity to make submissions at that time.

**Representation Quota Comparison :**

District Council of Mount Remarkable	1 : 305	Electors	2,137
District Council of Orreroo/Carrieton	1 : 108	Electors	652
The Flinders Ranges Council	1 : 130	Electors	1,176
Northern Areas Council	1 : 387	Electors	3,484
District Council of Barunga West	1 : 228	Electors	2,054
District Council of Cleve	1 : 180	Electors	1,262

*(Source: Local Government Assoc.of S.A.)*

(i) **Regional Subsidiaries**

Council is a member of Legatus (previously known as the Central Local Government Region of South Australia Incorporated), a Regional Subsidiary created under the provisions of Section 43 of the Local Government Act 1999.

The annual financial report of the Regional Subsidiary is incorporated in the Annual Report as required by Clause 28 of Schedule 2 to the Local Government Act 1999. The full report is available at the Legatus office, Clare.

Council is a "*relevant Council*" of the Flinders Regional Assessment Panel pursuant to Section 34(3) and Schedule 29 of the Development Act 1993. The Annual Report of the Flinders Regional Assessment Panel is incorporated in the Annual Report.

(j) **Internal Review of Council Decision**

Nil (0) applications for review were received under Section 270 (8) of the Local Government Act, 1999.

- (k) **Elected Member and Council Employee - Travel**  
During the 2022-2023 year, no Elected Member or Council Employee travelled interstate or internationally, funded in whole or in part by the Council.
- (l) **Elected Member and Council Employee - Gifts**  
During the 2022-2023 year, no Elected Member or Council Employee were provided with gifts above the value of \$50, funded in whole or in part by the Council.
- (m) **Credit Card Usage**  
During the 2022-2023 year \$24,716.65 was expended via credit card usage. This was through 4 cardholders: the Chief Executive Officer, the Infrastructure and Operations Manager, the Tourism and Community Development Manager and the Library Manager.
- (n) **Auditor Independence**  
Council's Auditor is Creative Auditing. They were appointed in July 2021 for a 5 year term contract, with an annual remuneration of \$13,000.

## Clause 2

- (a) **Strategic Management Plan 2018 to 2022 - Vibrant, Attractive, Growing Community & Annual Business Plan Performance**  
Council adopted the Strategic Plan 2018-2022 with Resolution 127/09/18. The 2022-2023 achievements integrated with the Annual Business Plan are available in Attachment I. Council's projections and targets for the 2023-2024 Annual Business Plan financial year are also available at Attachment I too.
- (b) **Competitive Tendering**  
Council is mindful of its obligations in this regard and has prepared a Procurement Policy in accordance with section 49 of the Local Government Act, 1999. Council formally adopted this policy on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021. (Reviewed annually)
- (c) **Elected Member Training and Development**  
The Elected Members attended training and development through Information Sessions and Workshops on the following occasions:
- 14 December 2022
  - 6 February 2023
  - 6 March 2023
  - 20 March 2023
  - 15 April 2023
  - 1 May 2023
  - 8 May 2023
  - 29 May 2023
  - 13 June 2023
  - 4 July 2023
- (d) **Management Plan for Community Land**  
Council's Management Plan for Community Land, prepared by Maloney Field Services, was adopted at the meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> October 2004 as per the requirement in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 Section 196. Additions were made on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2007 and 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020.



## Other Acts

### 1. Government Business Enterprises (Competition) Act 1996:

In accordance with Clause 7 Statement of the above Act, Council is required to review its business activities in order to determine whether Council is involved in any "significant business activities" that should be subject to that Act.

The following activities were identified :

- \* Steamtown Heritage Rail Centre
- \* Private works

Having identified these activities, it has been established that they are not significant, and therefore cannot be classed as category 1 or 2 under the Government Business Enterprises (Competition) Act, 1996.

### 2. Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016 – Section 8

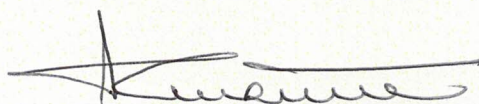
Eight (8) complaints under the Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act were received during 2022/23. With:

		Number	Nature
i)	Offences under the Act that were expiated	Nil	
ii)	Offences under the Act that were prosecuted	Nil	
iii)	Nuisance abatement notices or litter abatement notices issued	Nil	
iv)	Civil penalties negotiated under Section 34 of the Act	Nil	
v)	Applications by the Council for orders for civil penalties under Section 34 of the Act and the number of orders made by the Court on those applications	Nil	

No other functions were performed under the Act.

Council adopted this Annual Report at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**Resolution : 116/11/23**



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(Mrs) I R (Ruth) Whittle OAM  
Mayor  
District Council of Peterborough

## ATTACHMENT I: 2022-2023 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN – ACHIEVEMENTS

### Key Priorities – Strategic Plan

The following were the key priorities for the 2022-2023 year that integrated with the Strategic Plan Key Result Areas, with comments and status of the implementation of priorities as at 30 June 2023.

PRIORITY	KEY RESULT AREA	OBJECTIVE	STRATEGIES	Status	Comment
<b>Strategic Plan – commence comprehensive review of the Plan</b>	5. Representative & Accountable Local Government	5.1 – Further improve Council's good governance practices	5.1.1 – Ensure policies, procedures and practices are current and effective	Deferred	
<b>Long Term Financial Management Plan - review and implementation of Council's Plan, to include Treasury Management Review</b>	5. Representative & Accountable Local Government	5.1 – Further improve Council's good governance practices	5.1.1 – Ensure policies, procedures and practices are current and effective 5.1.3 – Deliver on long term financial planning	Completed	
		5.4 – Ensure Council is adequately resourced	5.4.3 – Continue to monitor and improve the Long Term Financial Plan	Ongoing	
<b>Asset Management Plan - comprehensive review of Council's assets and service delivery standards</b>	2. Infrastructure	2.2 – Further development of the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans (IAMP)	2.2.1 – Continue to develop and update the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan 2.2.2 – Continue to improve asset management practices	Commenced	
<b>Asset Revaluation and condition assessment of rural road network, with the aim of developing a 10 year program</b>	2. Infrastructure	2.2 – Further development of the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans (IAMP)	2.2.1 – Continue to develop and update the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan 2.2.2 – Continue to improve asset management practices	Ongoing	Preliminary discussions held with Engineers to perform work in stages
<b>Plant and Equipment Replacement Program - implementation and review of program</b>	4. The Environment	4.1 – Improve Council's Carbon Footprint	4.1.1 – Continue to replace old equipment with more energy efficient equipment	Ongoing	



<b>Stormwater Management - review of town stormwater infrastructure, reuse of stormwater and enhancement of drainage open space/drainage reserve areas</b>	1. Economic Sustainability	1.1 – Advance the Peterborough Urban Design Framework	1.1.1 – Continue “greening” of Peterborough using Council’s Tree Policy and Planting Procedure 1.1.2 – Continue to implement actions from the Peterborough Urban Design Framework	Ongoing	Central Drainage Reserve Tree Planting
	2. Infrastructure	2.2 – Further development of the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans (IAMP)	2.2.1 – Continue to develop and update the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan 2.2.2 – Continue to improve asset management practices	Commenced	
	4. The Environment	4.1 – Improve Council’s Carbon Footprint	4.1.2 – Continue tree planting in accordance with Council’s Tree Policy and Planting Procedure	Ongoing	Central Drainage Reserve Tree Planting
<b>CWMS Assets - establish and review future asset replacement and upgrade program</b>	2. Infrastructure	2.2 – Further development of the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans (IAMP)	2.2.1 – Continue to develop and update the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan 2.2.2 – Continue to improve asset management practices	Ongoing	Preliminary discussion held with engineers. Proper process and procedures to be documented in accordance with best practice and risk associated with limited knowledge, resources and operators and serious hazard management.
<b>Property and Facilities Assets - apply assessment criteria and review service levels and develop maintenance program</b>	2. Infrastructure	2.2 – Further development of the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans (IAMP)	2.2.2 – Continue to improve asset management practices	Ongoing	Recommended criteria has been adopted by Council. Properties Committee has meet to commence implementation
<b>Tourism Strategy – finalise strategy for implementation</b>	1. Economic Sustainability	1.4 – Continue to Develop the Steamtown Heritage Rail Centre and VIC	1.4.1 – Continue to develop the Tourism Strategic Plan 1.4.2 – Further develop the Steamtown Heritage Centre Marketing Plan	Completed	
<b>Community Engagement and Communication Strategy - develop and finalise strategy for implementation</b>	5. Representative & Accountable Local Government	5.3 – Community Engagement	5.3.2 – Update and Maintain a council Facebook page for Councillors to relate with community members 5.3.3 – Establish regular surveys with the community 5.3.4 – Create a list of works being carried out to be published in the Informer	Ongoing	

<b>Youth Engagement - continued engagement and explore opportunities with the youth in the community</b>	3. Community Wellbeing	3.1 – Recreational Facilities	3.1.1 – Build on current relationships with Youth Action Committee to enhance further opportunities for the youth	Ongoing	
<b>Waste Management – plan and develop Green Organics and Composting at the WTS</b>	1. Economic Sustainability	1.3 – Facilitate new business development and employment opportunities	1.3.1 – Continue to develop relationships with the business sector to improve opportunities	Ongoing	Awaiting EPA report
<b>Recreation and Sport – continued engagement with the Office of Recreation and Sport and StarClub for the development of facilities and encourage of participation in sport</b>	3. Community Wellbeing	3.1 – Recreational Facilities	3.1.2 – Continue with the upgrading of all sports facilities 3.1.3 – Continue working with the Mid North StarClub Officer to assist in promoting and facilitating sport and healthy activities 3.1.4 – Work with sport peak bodies to encourage participation in sport	Ongoing	StarClub program finished

### Key Priorities – Operational Projects

The following Operational Projects were included in the 2022-2023 Annual Business Plan which integrate with the Priorities for the year linked to Council's Strategic Plan.

### Projects – Budget Allocation

Project Description	Status	Comments
Rural Road Valuation and Assessment	Ongoing	
Stormwater Management Study	Ongoing	
Waste Management Improvement	Ongoing	Studies to be carried out by Tonkins mid 2023 2024 year
Financial Management	Ongoing	
Asbestos Register Review	Completed	
Periodic Elections	Completed	
CWMS	Ongoing	Ongoing testing and checking
Council Property and Facilities	Ongoing	
Tourism Strategy	Completed	
Community Engagement and Communication Strategy	Ongoing	

### Key Priorities - Capital / Asset Upgrade and/or Renewal Projects

The following Capital Projects were identified as key priorities for the 2022-2023 year that included the commencement of a formal Plant and Machinery Replacement Program and continuation of both district road and town street construction.

Project Description	Status	Comments
<b>IT Hardware Upgrade</b>	Ongoing	Near completion. Product availability
<b>Road Construction – Town Streets and Kerbing</b>		
Howard Street – Main St to Kitchener St	Completed	
Threadgold Street – Clair St to George St	Deferred	Deferred mid 2023 2024 year
Badger Street (Sth) - Main St To Kitchener St	Deferred	Deferred early 2023 2024
Kitchener Street – Government Rd to Torr St	Completed	
<b>Road Re-Seals – Town Streets</b>		
Bourke Street - Silver St to Callary St	Deferred	Deferred early 2023 2024
Cyanide Street – Railway Tce to Moscow St	Deferred	Deferred early 2023 2024
Hill Street – Grove St to Clair St	Deferred	Deferred early 2023 2024
Jervois Street – Main St to Kitchener St	Deferred	Deferred early 2023 2024
<b>Road Construction – Rural Road Re-Sheeting</b>		
Belalie Road	Completed	
Booborowie Road	Completed	
Dawson Road	Deferred	Deferred early 2023 2024
Yatina Road	Completed	
Black Rock Road	Completed	
Brannigan Road	Completed	
Cavenagh Road	Completed	
Erskine Road	Completed	
Malyacha Road	Completed	
Merngenia Road	Completed	
Orroroo / Paratoo Road	Completed	
Paradise Road	Deferred	Deferred early 2023 2024
Peak Road	Completed	
Minvalara Road	Completed	
<b>Footpaths - Reconstruction</b>		
Main Street – Silvers St to YMCA building	Completed	

Project Description	Status	Comment
<b>Plant and Machinery Replacement</b>		
Utility – Dual Cab - Supervisor	Completed	
Utility – Dual Cab - General Inspector	Completed	
Backhoe Loader	Completed	
Wagon – Infrastructure/Operations	Completed	
Tipper – Small Truck	Deferred	Scheduled for mid 2023- 2024
Wood Chipper	Completed	
<b>Property Buildings &amp; Other Structures – Renewal / Upgrade / New</b>		
YMCA	Completed	
West Park – BBQ & Shelter	Ongoing	
Town Square – Rotunda	Completed	
Yongala Recreation Park – BBQ & Shelter	Ongoing	
Peterborough Town Hall	Ongoing	
SHRC – Accessibility Ramp	Ongoing	
Indoor Sports Stadium – Accessibility Upgrade	Completed	
Council House – Carport/Shed Extension	Completed	
Youth Centre – Garage/Storage Shed	Completed	
Depot Fuel Tank and Bowser	Completed	
Swimming Pool – Access Lift and Ramp	Deferred	
<b>Reserves Ovals &amp; Open Space</b>		
Town Square Garden Upgrade	Ongoing	
Victoria Park – Accessibility Pathway	Ongoing	
Peterborough Oval – Irrigation Tank Upgrade	Deferred	Scheduled for early 2023- 2024
Yongala Parklands – Tree Planting	Ongoing	
Peterborough – Central Drainage Reserve Tree Planting / Walkways / Fencing	Ongoing	Peterborough forums held June 2023 with Planting Days for Peterborough planned for early 2023-2024 year. Yongala Forums and planting days scheduled for mid 2023-2024 year.
Swimming Pool – Lawn Irrigation System	Deferred	Scheduled for mid 2023- 2024

## 2023-2024 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN - PROJECTIONS AND TARGETS

The Council's priorities for 2023-2024 and the integration with Council's Strategic Plan Key Result Areas is illustrated in the following tables:

PRIORITY	KEY RESULT AREA	OBJECTIVE	STRATEGIES
<b>Strategic Plan – completion of comprehensive review of the Plan</b>	5. Representative & Accountable Local Government	5.1 – Further improve Council's good governance practices	5.1.1 – Ensure policies, procedures and practices are current and effective
<b>Long Term Financial Management Plan – continual review and implementation of Council's Plan, to include Treasury Management Review</b>	5. Representative & Accountable Local Government	5.1 – Further improve Council's good governance practices	5.1.1 – Ensure policies, procedures and practices are current and effective 5.1.3 – Deliver on long term financial planning
		5.4 – Ensure Council is adequately resourced	5.4.3 – Continue to monitor and improve the Long Term Financial Plan
<b>Asset Management Plan - comprehensive review of Council's assets and service delivery standards</b>	2. Infrastructure	2.2 – Further development of the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans (IAMP)	2.2.1 – Continue to develop and update the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan 2.2.2 – Continue to improve asset management practices
<b>Asset Revaluation of infrastructure assets including CWMS, and condition assessment of township and rural road network, with the aim of developing a 10 year program</b>	2. Infrastructure	2.2 – Further development of the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans (IAMP)	2.2.1 – Continue to develop and update the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan 2.2.2 – Continue to improve asset management practices
<b>Plant and Equipment Replacement Program - implementation and continue review of program</b>	4. The Environment	4.1 – Improve Council's Carbon Footprint	4.1.1 – Continue to replace old equipment with more energy efficient equipment
<b>Stormwater Management - review of town stormwater infrastructure, reuse of stormwater and enhancement of drainage open space/drainage reserve areas</b>	1. Economic Sustainability	1.1 – Advance the Peterborough Urban Design Framework	1.1.1 – Continue "greening" of Peterborough using Council's Tree Policy and Planting Procedure 1.1.2 – Continue to implement actions from the Peterborough Urban Design Framework
	2. Infrastructure	2.2 – Further development of the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans (IAMP)	2.2.1 – Continue to develop and update the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan 2.2.2 – Continue to improve asset management practices
	4. The Environment	4.1 – Improve Council's Carbon Footprint	4.1.2 – Continue tree planting in accordance with Council's Tree Policy and Planting Procedure
<b>CWMS Assets - establish and review future asset replacement and upgrade program (Linked to AMP and Revaluation of Assets)</b>	2. Infrastructure	2.2 – Further development of the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans (IAMP)	2.2.1 – Continue to develop and update the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan 2.2.2 – Continue to improve asset management practices
<b>Property and Facilities Assets - apply assessment criteria to</b>	2. Infrastructure	2.2 – Further development of	2.2.2 – Continue to improve asset management practices

review assets held, review service levels and develop maintenance program (Link to AMP)		the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans (IAMP)	
<b>Community Engagement and Communication Strategy - develop and finalise strategy for implementation</b>	5. Representative & Accountable Local Government	5.3 – Community Engagement	5.3.2 – Update and Maintain a council Facebook page for Councillors to relate with community members 5.3.3 – Establish regular surveys with the community 5.3.4 – Create a list of works being carried out to be published in the Informer
<b>Youth Engagement - continued engagement and explore opportunities with the youth in the community</b>	3. Community Wellbeing	3.1 – Recreational Facilities	3.1.1 – Build on current relationships with Youth Action Committee to enhance further opportunities for the youth
<b>Waste Management – implementation of Green Organics (FOGO) collection and Composting facility at the Waste Transfer Station</b>	1. Economic Sustainability	1.3 – Facilitate new business development and employment opportunities	1.3.1 – Continue to develop relationships with the business sector to improve opportunities

### Capital / Assets New & Upgrade and/or Renewals & Replacement

The following Capital Projects have been identified as key priorities for the year which includes replacement of Plant and Machinery Replacement Program, accessibility upgrades, building and structures upgrades and renewal, and continuation of both district road re-sheeting and town street construction.

Project Description	Renewal / Replacement	New / Upgraded
<b>IT Hardware Upgrade</b>	15,000	
<b>Road Construction – Town St Bridges</b>		
Queen St/George St Drain Bridge Replacement	128,000	
<b>Road Construction – Town St Kerbing and Seal</b>		
Edith Street - Main St To Kitchener St	60,000	
Badger St (Nth) / Victoria St	60,000	
<b>Road Re-Seals – Town Streets</b>		
Bourke Street - Silver St to Callary St	19,400	
Cyanide Street – Railway Tce to Moscow St	20,000	
Hill Street – Grove St to Clair St	45,200	
Jervois Street – Main St to Kitchener St	18,800	
Other Town Streets - TBD	42,000	
<b>Road Construction – Rural Road Re-Sheeting</b>		
Belalie Road	44,000	
Dawson Road	52,000	
Cavenagh Road	11,000	
Merngenia Road	35,000	
Orroroo / Paratoo Road	85,000	
Paradise Road	23,000	
<b>Footpaths - Reconstruction</b>		
Main Street – Town Square to Subway	43,000	



Project Description	Renewal / Replacement	New / Upgraded
<b>Plant and Machinery Replacement</b>		
Utility – Dual Cab - General Inspector	43,000	
Utility – Single Cab	38,000	
Mower – Zero Turn	35,000	
<b>Property Buildings &amp; Other Structures – Renewal / Upgrade / New</b>		
YMCA – Continued Upgrade	12,000	
West Park – BBQ & Shelter		21,500
Yongala Recreation Park – BBQ & Shelter		21,500
Peterborough Town Hall – Continued Upgrade	80,000	
SHRC – Accessibility Ramp		80,000
Council House – Driveway Upgrade	7,000	
Works Depot – Air-conditioning Replacement	6,000	
Swimming Pool – Access Lift and Ramp		8,000
<b>Reserves Ovals &amp; Open Space</b>		
Town Square Garden Upgrade	10,000	
Victoria Park – Accessibility Pathway	6,000	
Peterborough Oval – Irrigation Tank Upgrade	60,000	
Yongala Parklands – Tree Planting		4,400
Peterborough – Central Drainage Reserve Tree Planting / Walkways / Fencing		11,600

### Operational Projects

The following Operational Projects are included in the Annual Business Plan which integrate with the Priorities for the year linked to Council's Strategic Plan.

### Projects – Budget Allocation

Project Description	Budget Allocation
<b>Infrastructure Valuation and Assessment</b>	45,000
Revaluation and condition assessment of all infrastructure including town streets, rural roads, stormwater, bridges, and footpaths to develop a 10 Year Construction/Maintenance Program for inclusion in the Asset Management Plan review.	
Revaluation of CWMS infrastructure	
<b>Stormwater Management Study</b>	60,000
Scope of Study to include condition assessment and upgrade requirements of existing infrastructure, new infrastructure to be considered in future programs, improved water re-use storage and water quality, inclusion of Urban Sensitive Design principles for future works, flood plain review and management of open space area, Flood Mitigation Works to control stormwater runoff from adjoining farmland (50% funding to be received from the Stormwater Management Authority)	
<b>Waste Management Improvement – Compost Trial</b>	21,000
Continued improvements at the Waste Transfer Station Works to include organic waste / composting trial project and implementation of FOGO collection	

## Projects – Included in Operations

Project Description
<b>Strategic Management Plan</b> - Update Council's Strategic Key Result Areas, priorities, and future projects. Process to include community workshops and forums, surveys and formal consultation as required by the Local Government Act.
<b>Asset Management Plan</b> – Extensive review of existing Plan and development of new Plan to integrate with the Long Term Financial Management Plan.
<b>CWMS</b> – Establish infrastructure, plant and equipment replacement and upgrade program.
<b>Council Property and Facilities</b> – Continue Implementation of developed assessment criteria and review status of properties and service levels for Asset Management Plan.
<b>Council Services and Standards</b> – Extensive review of all services and associated service standards incorporated with the Long Term Financial Management Plan and Asset Management Plan.
<b>Community Engagement and Communication Strategy</b> – Develop strategy that establishes protocols, reporting and monitoring.



2022 - 2023

# GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORTS

For the year ended  
30 June 2023

DISTRICT  
COUNCIL OF  
PETERBOROUGH

# District Council of Peterborough

## General Purpose Financial Reports

### for the year ended 30 June 2023

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**District Council of Peterborough  
Annual Financial Statements  
for the year ended 30 June 2023**

**CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

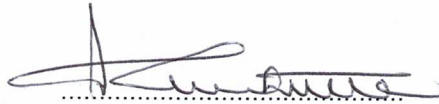
We have been authorised by the Council to certify the financial statements in their final form. In our opinion:

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the *Local Government Act 1999*, *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* and Australian Accounting Standards.
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Council's financial position at 30 June 2023 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Council provide a reasonable assurance that the Council's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Council's accounting and other records.



Colin Davies

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



Ruth Whittle

**MAYOR/COUNCILLOR**

Date: 21 / 11 / 23

**District Council of Peterborough**  
**Statement of Comprehensive Income**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2023**

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Rates	2	<b>2,329,515</b>	2,108,047
Statutory charges	2	<b>48,557</b>	38,550
User charges	2	<b>418,589</b>	270,254
Grants, subsidies and contributions - Capital	2	<b>801,814</b>	912,532
Grants, subsidies and contributions - Operating	2	<b>2,522,730</b>	2,525,906
Investment income	2	<b>14,412</b>	4,555
Reimbursements	2	<b>284,438</b>	19,138
Other income	2	<b>64,238</b>	173,319
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>6,484,293</b>	6,052,301
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Employee costs	3	<b>2,398,722</b>	2,107,128
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	<b>2,062,394</b>	2,335,161
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	<b>1,107,745</b>	1,151,127
Finance costs	3	<b>139,960</b>	288,087
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>5,708,821</b>	5,881,503
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>		<b>775,472</b>	170,798
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	<b>(112,575)</b>	78,661
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>		<b>662,897</b>	249,459
transferred to Equity Statement			
<b>AASB 1058 Recognition</b>			
<i>Operating Result prior to AASB 1058 application</i>		<b>775,472</b>	170,798
<i>add 2022-23 Financial Assistance Grants Received in Advance in June 2022</i>		<b>1,278,380</b>	802,452
<i>less 2023-24 Financial Assistance Grants Received in Advance in June 2023</i>		<b>(1,818,949)</b>	(1,278,380)
<b>Adjusted Operating Result to reflect AASB 1058</b>		<b>234,903</b>	<b>(305,130)</b>
<b>Adjusted Total Comprehensive Income to reflect AASB 1058</b>		<b>122,328</b>	<b>(226,470)</b>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.



**District Council of Peterborough**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**as at 30 June 2023**

		2023	2022
	Notes	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	1,566,392	2,151,020
Trade & other receivables	5	460,593	447,968
Inventories	5	18,161	11,669
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>2,045,146</b>	<b>2,610,656</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>			
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	42,246,734	42,638,036
Other non-current assets	6	656,152	7,457
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>		<b>42,902,886</b>	<b>42,645,493</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>44,948,032</b>	<b>45,256,149</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade & other payables	8	330,372	1,107,363
Borrowings	8	107,524	281,889
Provisions	8	393,501	526,001
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>831,397</b>	<b>1,915,253</b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>			
Borrowings	8	5,451,251	5,351,448
Provisions	8	42,534	29,496
<b>Total Non-current Liabilities</b>		<b>5,493,785</b>	<b>5,380,944</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>6,325,182</b>	<b>7,296,197</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>38,622,850</b>	<b>37,959,952</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>	Notes	\$	\$
Accumulated surplus		7,062,319	6,399,421
Asset revaluation reserves	9	31,560,531	31,560,531
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>38,622,850</b>	<b>37,959,952</b>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.

## District Council of Peterborough

### Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2023

		Acc'd Surplus	Asset Rev'n Reserve	Other Reserves	TOTAL EQUITY
	<b>2023</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Balance at end of previous reporting period		6,399,421	31,560,531	-	37,959,952
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year</b>		<b>662,897</b>			<b>662,897</b>
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7,062,319</b>	<b>31,560,531</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,622,850</b>

		Acc'd Surplus	Asset Rev'n Reserve	Other Reserves	TOTAL EQUITY
	<b>2022</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Balance at end of previous reporting period		6,149,962	31,560,531	-	37,710,493
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year</b>		<b>249,459</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>249,459</b>
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6,399,421</b>	<b>31,560,531</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,959,952</b>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

**District Council of Peterborough**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2023**

		2023	2022
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	Notes	\$	\$
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Rates - general & other		2,262,035	2,113,389
Fees & other charges		53,413	38,550
User charges		435,048	332,144
Investment receipts		16,856	1,950
Grants utilised for operating purposes		2,522,730	3,403,279
Reimbursements		312,882	19,138
Other revenues		414,485	217,423
<b>Payments:</b>			
Employee costs		(2,510,772)	(1,990,933)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(2,652,621)	(2,311,839)
Finance payments		(192,899)	(291,546)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities</b>		<b>661,156</b>	<b>1,531,556</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Grants utilised for capital purposes		306,490	-
Sale of replaced assets		44,735	138,272
<b>Payments:</b>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		(1,495,486)	(1,201,013)
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(26,962)	(134,899)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities</b>		<b>(1,171,222)</b>	<b>(1,197,640)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		\$	\$
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Proceeds from borrowings		(74,562)	-
<b>Payments:</b>			
Repayments of borrowings		-	(268,724)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities</b>		<b>(74,562)</b>	<b>(268,724)</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held</b>		<b>(584,628)</b>	<b>65,192</b>
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	10	2,151,020	2,085,828
<b>Cash &amp; cash equivalents at end of period</b>	10	<b>1,566,392</b>	<b>2,151,020</b>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

# District Council of Peterborough

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

### for the year ended 30 June 2023

#### Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### 1 Basis of Preparation

##### 1.1 Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Interpretations and relevant South Australian legislation.

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under regulation 14 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.

##### 1.2 Historical Cost Convention

Except as stated below, these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

##### 1.3 Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and requires management to exercise its judgement in applying Council's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are specifically referred to in the relevant sections of this Note.

##### 1.4 Rounding

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

#### 2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

District Council of Peterborough is incorporated under the SA Local Government Act 1999 and has its principal place of business at 108 Main Street Peterborough SA 5422. These financial statements include the Council's direct operations and all entities through which Council controls resources to carry on its functions. In the process of reporting on the Council as a single unit, all transactions and balances between activity areas and controlled entities have been eliminated.

#### 3 Income recognition

##### 3.1 Revenue

The Council recognises revenue under AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (AASB 1058) or AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) when appropriate.

In cases where there is an 'enforceable' contract with a customer with 'sufficiently specific' performance obligations, the transaction is accounted for under AASB 15 where income is recognised when (or as) the performance obligations are satisfied (i.e. when it transfers control of a product or service to a customer). Revenue is measured based on the consideration to which the Council expects to be entitled in a contract with a customer.

In other cases, AASB 1058 applies when a not-for-profit (NFP) entity enters into transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset principally to enable the entity to further its objectives. The excess of the asset recognised (at fair value) over any 'related amounts' is recognised as income immediately, except in the case where a financial asset has been received to enable the council to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset that is to be controlled by the council. In this case, the council recognises the excess as a liability that is recognised over time in profit and loss when (or as) the entity satisfies its obligations under the transfer.

In recent years, the payment of untied grants (financial assistance grants/ local roads/ supplementary grants) has varied from the annual allocation as shown in the table below:

	Cash Payment Received	Annual Allocation	Difference	
2016-17	\$2,364,251	\$1,560,893	+	\$803,358
2017-18	\$1,681,623	\$1,544,570	+	\$137,053
2018-19	\$1,759,048	\$1,664,055	+	\$94,993
2019-20	\$1,716,120	\$1,665,183	+	\$50,937
2020-21	\$1,509,493	\$1,668,467	-	-\$158,974
2021-22	\$2,181,734	\$1,735,206	+	\$446,528
2022-23	\$2,346,371	\$1,804,614	+	\$541,757

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**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies**

Because these grants are untied, the Australian Accounting Standards require that payments be recognised upon receipt. Accordingly, the operating results of these periods have been distorted compared to those that would have been reported had the grants been paid in the year to which they were allocated.

The Operating Surplus Ratio disclosed in Note 13 has also been calculated after adjusting for the distortions resulting from the differences between the actual grants received and the grants entitlements allocated.

**3.2 Construction Contracts**

Construction works undertaken by Council for third parties are generally on an agency basis where the third party reimburses Council for actual costs incurred, and usually do not extend beyond the reporting period. Reimbursements not received are recognised as receivables and reimbursements received in advance are recognised as "payments received in advance".

For works undertaken on a fixed price contract basis, revenues are recognised over time using the input method, with costs incurred compared to total expected costs used as a measure of progress. When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract revenue, the expected loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

**4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and Other Financial Instruments**

**4.1 Cash, Cash Equivalent Assets**

Cash assets include all amounts readily convertible to cash on hand at Council's option with an insignificant risk of changes in value with a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

**4.2 Other Financial Instruments**

Receivables for rates and annual charges are secured over the subject land, and bear interest at rates determined in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999. Other receivables are generally unsecured and do not bear interest.

All receivables are reviewed as at the reporting date and adequate allowance made for amounts the receipt of which is considered doubtful.

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments also form part of Note 12.

**5 Inventories**

Inventories held in respect of stores have been valued by using the weighted average cost on a continual basis, after adjustment for loss of service potential. Inventories held in respect of business undertakings have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

**5.1 Real Estate Assets Developments**

Real Estate Assets developments have been classified as Inventory in accordance with AASB 102 and are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost includes the costs of acquisition, development, borrowing and other costs incurred on financing of that acquisition and up to the time of sale. Any amount by which cost exceeds the net realisable value has been recognised as an expense.

Revenues arising from the sale of property are recognised in the operating statement when settlement is completed.

**5.2 Other Real Estate held for resale**

Properties not acquired for development, but which Council has decided to sell as surplus to requirements, are recognised at the carrying value at the time of that decision.

**6 Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment**

**6.1 Initial Recognition**

All assets are initially recognised at cost. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition.

All non-current assets purchased or constructed are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use". Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including architects' fees and engineering design fees and all other costs incurred. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the Council includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.

Capital works still in progress at balance date are recognised as other non-current assets and transferred to infrastructure, property, plant & equipment when completed ready for use.

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**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies**

**6.2 Materiality**

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by Council for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are given in Note 7. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

**6.3 Subsequent Recognition**

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Significant uncertainties exist in the estimation of fair value of a number of asset classes including land, buildings and associated structures and infrastructure. Further detail of these uncertainties, and of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at Note 7.

**6.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets**

Other than land, all infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis which, in the opinion of Council, best reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values of classes of assets are reviewed annually.

Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are shown in Note 7. Depreciation periods for infrastructure assets have been estimated based on the best information available to Council, but appropriate records covering the entire life cycle of these assets are not available, and extreme care should be used in interpreting financial information based on these estimates.

**6.5 Impairment**

Assets whose future economic benefits are not dependent on the ability to generate cash flows, and where the future economic benefits would be replaced if Council were deprived thereof, are not subject to impairment testing.

Other assets that are subject to depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount (which is the higher of the present value of future cash inflows or value in use).

Where an asset that has been revalued is subsequently impaired, the impairment is first offset against such amount as stands to the credit of that class of assets in Asset Revaluation Reserve, any excess being recognised as an expense.

**6.6 Borrowing Costs**

Borrowing costs in relation to qualifying assets (net of offsetting investment revenue) have been capitalised in accordance with AASB 123 "Borrowing Costs". The amounts of borrowing costs recognised as an expense or as part of the carrying amount of qualifying assets are disclosed in Note 3, and the amount (if any) of interest revenue offset against borrowing costs in Note 2.

**7 Payables**

**7.1 Goods & Services**

Creditors are amounts due to external parties for the supply of goods and services and are recognised as liabilities when the goods and services are received. Creditors are normally paid 30 days after the month of invoice. No interest is payable on these amounts.

**7.2 Payments Received in Advance & Deposits**

Amounts received from external parties in advance of service delivery, and security deposits held against possible damage to Council assets, are recognised as liabilities until the service is delivered or damage reinstated, or the amount is refunded as the case may be.

**8 Borrowings**

Loans are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates and is recorded as part of "Payables". Interest free loans are carried at their nominal amounts; interest revenues foregone by the lender effectively being a reduction of interest expense in the period to which it relates.

**9 Provisions**

**9.1 Employee Benefits**

Liabilities for employees' entitlements to salaries, wages and compensated absences expected to be paid or settled within 12 months of reporting date are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll based on costs) measured in accordance with AASB 119.



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**Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies**

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll based on costs) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Present values are calculated using government guaranteed securities rates with similar maturity terms.

Weighted average discount rate

Weighted average settlement period

No accrual is made for sick leave as Council experience indicates that, on average, sick leave taken in each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods. Council does not make payment for untaken sick leave.

Superannuation:

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Statewide Superannuation Scheme. The Scheme has two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in Note 15.

**9.2 Provisions for reinstatement, restoration, rehabilitation**

Close down and restoration costs include the dismantling and demolition of infrastructure and the removal of residual materials and remediation and rehabilitation of disturbed areas. Estimated close down and restoration costs are provided for in the accounting period when the obligation arising from the related disturbance occurs and are carried at the net present value of estimated future costs.

Although estimated future costs are based on a closure plan, such plans are based on current environmental requirements which may change. Council's policy to maximise recycling is extending the operational life of these facilities, and significant uncertainty exists in the estimation of the future closure date.

**10 Leases**

The Council assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

Council have no leases to report on relating to the year ending 30 June 2022

**11 GST Implications**

In accordance with UIG Abstract 1031 "Accounting for the Goods & Services Tax"

- Receivables and Creditors include GST receivable and payable.
- Except in relation to input taxed activities, revenues and operating expenditures exclude GST receivable and payable.
- Non-current assets and capital expenditures include GST net of any recoupment.
- Amounts included in the Statement of Cash Flows are disclosed on a gross basis.

**12 New and amended standards and interpretations**

The Council applied for the first-time certain standards and amendments, which are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022. New standards and amendments relevant to the Council are listed below. The Council has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

**District Council of Peterborough**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2023**

**Note 2 - INCOME**

	2023	2022
Notes	\$	\$
<b>RATES REVENUES</b>		
<u>General Rates</u>	1,507,054	1,429,368
Less: Discretionary rebates, remissions & write offs	(46,606)	(150,695)
	1,460,448	1,278,673
<u>Other Rates</u> (including service charges)		
Landscape levy	35,237	33,568
Waste collection	238,758	227,159
Community wastewater management systems	577,260	568,647
	851,255	829,374
<u>Other Charges</u>		
Penalties for late payment	17,812	-
	17,812	-
	2,329,515	2,108,047
<b>STATUTORY CHARGES</b>		
Development Act fees	17,983	11,616
Town planning fees	8,916	7,104
Animal registration fees & fines	15,585	17,089
Other licences, fees, & fines	6,073	2,741
	48,557	38,550
<b>USER CHARGES</b>		
Cemetery/crematoria fees	8,067	5,370
Rural transaction centre	4,725	2,430
Informer	7,374	6,874
Dump	15,078	16,313
Swimming pool charges	13,567	12,127
Other user charges	5,415	5,599
Hall & sporting facility hire	9,684	7,332
Steamtown	346,763	207,385
Hall & equipment hire	6,125	5,822
Sundry	1,791	1,001
	418,589	270,253

**District Council of Peterborough**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
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**Note 2 - INCOME (con't)**

	2023	2022
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	<b>Notes</b>	
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Interest on investments:		
Local Government Finance Authority	14,412	4,555
	<u>14,412</u>	<u>4,555</u>
<b>REIMBURSEMENTS</b>		
Private works	39,453	17,655
Other	244,985	1,483
	<u>284,438</u>	<u>19,138</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Rebates received	-	31,209
Sundry	64,238	142,110
	<u>64,238</u>	<u>173,319</u>
<b>GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
Roads to Recovery	221,029	367,229
Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Grants	580,785	545,303
	<u>801,814</u>	<u>912,532</u>
<i>Other grants, subsidies and contributions - Operating</i>		
Untied - Financial Assistance Grant	2,346,371	2,181,734
Drought Communities	-	200,000
Library & Communications	12,982	8,071
Sundry	163,377	136,101
	<u>2,522,730</u>	<u>2,525,906</u>
	<u>3,324,544</u>	<u>3,438,438</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 12.</i>		
<b>Sources of grants</b>		
Commonwealth government	801,814	1,112,532
State government	2,522,730	2,325,906
	<u>3,324,544</u>	<u>3,438,438</u>
<b>Individually Significant Item</b>		
Additional FAGs grant payment - June 2022	-	1,278,380
Additional FAGs grant payment - June 2023	1,818,949	-
<b>AASB 1058 Recognition</b>		
Grants, Subsidies, Contributions per above	3,324,544	3,438,438
add 2022-23 Financial Assistance Grants Received in Advance in June 2022	1,278,380	802,452
less 2023-24 Financial Assistance Grants Received in Advance in June 2023	(1,818,949)	(1,278,380)
Adjusted Grants, Subsidies, Contributions received during the year	<u>2,783,975</u>	<u>2,962,510</u>

**District Council of Peterborough**  
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**Note 3 - EXPENSE**

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>EMPLOYEE COSTS</b>			
Salaries and Wages		1,995,745	1,637,319
Employee leave expense		258,068	299,794
Superannuation - defined contribution plan contributions	15	202,056	114,737
Superannuation - defined benefit plan contributions	15	11,708	69,583
Workers' Compensation Insurance		70,818	56,469
Less: Capitalised and distributed costs		(139,673)	(70,774)
<b>Total Operating Employee Costs</b>		<b>2,398,722</b>	<b>2,107,128</b>
<b>Total Number of Employees</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>			
<b>MATERIALS, CONTRACTS &amp; OTHER EXPENSES</b>			
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>			
Auditor's Remuneration			
- Auditing the financial reports		13,000	13,000
Elected members' expenses		86,874	84,174
Election expenses		386	-
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses		<b>100,260</b>	<b>97,174</b>
<u>Other Materials, Contracts &amp; Expenses</u>			
Contractors		529,359	561,656
Advertising		30,171	30,714
Fuel & Lubricants		78,526	80,694
Human resources		1,935	150,098
Swimming Pool Repairs		29,560	32,673
Landscape Board Levy		34,930	34,078
Insurance		212,088	217,627
IT licencing & support		66,440	54,027
Legal expenses		38,663	24,929
Maintenance		42,223	84,626
Telecommunications		31,810	31,381
Materials		278,656	283,160
Printing & stationery		19,125	18,446
Capital		734,079	1,358,792
Subscriptions		54,563	85,195
Sundry		3,093	24,648
Waste Collection & Disposal		335,872	375,368
Utilities		175,120	148,667
Less: Capitalised and Distributed Costs		(734,079)	(1,358,792)
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses		<b>1,962,134</b>	<b>2,237,987</b>
		<b>2,062,394</b>	<b>2,335,161</b>

**District Council of Peterborough**  
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**Note 3 - EXPENSE con't**

	2023	2022
Notes	\$	\$
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Buildings & Other Structures	134,168	134,168
Plant, Machinery & Equipment	240,802	239,694
Furniture & Fittings	78,126	144,420
Steamtown	3,773	3,773
Infrastructure:		
- Roads - Improvement	93,081	84,143
- Roads - Infrastructure	241,701	227,742
- Street Furniture	296	323
- Storm Drains	12,789	13,856
- Reserve - Infrastructure	56,779	56,779
- Other Structures	32,102	32,102
CWMS	214,127	214,127
	<b>1,107,745</b>	<b>1,151,127</b>
<b>FINANCE COSTS</b>		
Interest on Loans	139,960	288,087
	<b>139,960</b>	<b>288,087</b>

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**Note 4 - ASSET DISPOSALS AND FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENTS**

	2023	2022
Notes	\$	\$
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>		
<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>		
Proceeds from disposal	44,735	138,273
Less: Carrying amount of assets sold	157,310	59,612
<b>Gain (Loss) on disposal</b>	<b>(112,575)</b>	<b>78,661</b>
<b>NET GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OR REVALUATION OF ASSETS</b>	<b>(112,575)</b>	<b>78,661</b>

**Note 5 - CURRENT ASSETS**

	2023	2022
Notes	\$	\$
<b>CASH &amp; EQUIVALENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash on Hand and at Bank	168,975	154,666
Deposits at Call	1,397,417	1,996,353
	<b>1,566,392</b>	<b>2,151,020</b>
<b>TRADE &amp; OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
Rates - General & Other	395,617	328,137
Accrued Revenues	644	3,088
Debtors - general	41,839	16,439
GST Recoupment	22,493	100,304
	<b>460,593</b>	<b>447,968</b>
<b>INVENTORIES</b>		
Stores & Materials	18,161	11,669
	<b>18,161</b>	<b>11,669</b>

**Note 6 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS**

	2023	2022
<b>OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
<b>Inventories</b>		
Capital Works-in-Progress	656,152	7,457
	<b>656,152</b>	<b>7,457</b>



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**Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (IPP&E)**

		2022				2023			
		\$				\$			
	Fair Value Level	Fair Value	Cost	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Cost	Acc' Dep'n	Carrying Amount
Land	2	767,925	-	-	767,925	<b>767,925</b>	-	-	<b>767,925</b>
Buildings & Other Structures	2/3	10,320,415	2,498,124	(5,105,747)	7,712,793	<b>10,356,263</b>	<b>2,498,124</b>	<b>(5,218,086)</b>	<b>7,636,302</b>
Plant, Machinery & Equipment	2	-	4,725,386	(3,675,594)	1,049,792	-	<b>4,906,432</b>	<b>(3,713,703)</b>	<b>1,192,729</b>
Furniture & Fittings		-	2,116,927	(1,860,067)	256,860	-	<b>2,129,007</b>	<b>(1,933,779)</b>	<b>195,228</b>
Steamtown	3	-	1,969,786	(1,937,002)	32,784	-	<b>1,969,786</b>	<b>(1,940,774)</b>	<b>29,012</b>
Infrastructure:		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Roads - Improvement	3	9,240,074	908,841	(6,851,679)	3,297,236	<b>9,268,820</b>	<b>908,841</b>	<b>(6,944,760)</b>	<b>3,232,901</b>
- Roads - Infrastructure	3	10,019,726	865,029	(4,586,143)	6,298,612	<b>10,080,189</b>	<b>865,029</b>	<b>(4,669,238)</b>	<b>6,275,981</b>
- Street Furniture	3	-	78,915	(69,870)	9,045	-	<b>78,915</b>	<b>(70,166)</b>	<b>8,749</b>
- Storm Drains	3	1,767,539	-	(1,561,414)	206,125	<b>1,767,539</b>	-	<b>(1,574,204)</b>	<b>193,335</b>
- Reserve - Infrastructure	3	3,154,284	624,889	(1,274,119)	2,505,054	<b>3,154,284</b>	<b>624,889</b>	<b>(1,328,249)</b>	<b>2,450,924</b>
- Other Structures	3	1,042,900	-	(403,089)	639,810	<b>1,042,900</b>	-	<b>(435,192)</b>	<b>607,708</b>
CWMS	3	-	20,493,315	(631,314)	19,862,001	-	<b>20,501,382</b>	<b>(845,441)</b>	<b>19,655,941</b>
<b>Total IPP&amp;E</b>		<b>36,312,863</b>	<b>34,281,212</b>	<b>(27,956,038)</b>	<b>42,638,036</b>	<b>36,437,919</b>	<b>34,482,404</b>	<b>(28,673,592)</b>	<b>42,246,734</b>
<b>Comparatives</b>		<b>37,502,348</b>	<b>31,996,361</b>	<b>(27,079,499)</b>	<b>42,419,210</b>	<b>36,312,863</b>	<b>34,281,212</b>	<b>(27,956,038)</b>	<b>42,638,036</b>

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**Note 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT**

	2022	Carrying Amounts Movement During the Year							2023	
	\$	\$							\$	
	Carrying Amount	Additions		Disposals	Dep'n	Impair't	Transfers		Net Reval'n	Carrying Amount
New / Upgrade		Renewals	In				Out			
Land	767,925	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	767,925
Buildings & Other Structures	7,712,793	15,030	60,945	(18,298)	(134,168)	-	-	-	-	7,636,302
Plant, Machinery & Equipment	1,049,792	-	383,739	-	(240,802)	-	-	-	-	1,192,729
Furniture & Fittings	256,860	3,865	13,340	(710)	(78,126)	-	-	-	-	195,228
Steamtown	32,784	-	-	-	(3,773)	-	-	-	-	29,012
Infrastructure:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Roads - Improvement	3,297,236	-	28,746	-	(93,081)	-	-	-	-	3,232,901
- Roads - Infrastructure	6,298,612	-	354,974	(135,904)	(241,701)	-	-	-	-	6,275,981
- Street Furniture	9,045	-	-	-	(296)	-	-	-	-	8,749
- Storm Drains	206,125	-	-	-	(12,789)	-	-	-	-	193,335
- Reserve - Infrastructure	2,505,054	-	5,047	(2,397)	(56,779)	-	-	-	-	2,450,924
- Other Structures	639,810	-	-	-	(32,102)	-	-	-	-	607,708
CWMS	19,862,001	8,067	-	-	(214,127)	-	-	-	-	19,655,941
Total IPP&E	42,638,036	26,962	846,791	(157,310)	(1,107,745)	-	-	-	-	42,246,734
Comparatives	42,419,210	134,899	1,294,668	(59,612)	(1,151,128)	-	-	-	-	42,638,036

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#### Note 7 (con't) – INFRASTRUCTURE, PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

##### Valuation of Assets

##### General Valuation Principles

**Accounting procedure:** Upon revaluation, the current new replacement cost and accumulated depreciation are re-stated such that the difference represents the fair value of the asset determined in accordance with AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement*: accumulated depreciation is taken to be the difference between current new replacement cost and fair value. In the case of land, fair value is taken to be the current replacement cost.

**Highest and best use:** For land which Council has an unfettered right to sell, the "highest and best use" recognises the possibility of the demolition or substantial modification of some or all of the existing buildings and structures affixed to the land.

Much of the land under Council's care and control is Crown land or has been declared as community land under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999. Other types of restrictions also exist.

For land subject to these restrictions, the highest and best use is taken to be the "highest and best use" available to Council, with a rebuttable presumption that the current use is the "highest and best use". The reason for the current use of a large proportion of Council's assets being other than the "highest and best use" relates to Council's principal role as the provider of services to the community, rather than the use of those assets for the generation of revenue.

**Fair value hierarchy level 2 valuations:** Certain land, and the buildings and structures thereon, are shown above as being based on fair value hierarchy level 2 valuation inputs. They are based on prices for similar assets in an active market, with directly or indirectly observable adjustments for specific advantages or disadvantages attaching to the particular asset.

**Fair value hierarchy level 3 valuations of land:** Valuations of Crown land, community land and land subject to other restrictions on use or disposal, shown above as being based on fair value hierarchy level 3 valuation inputs, are based on prices for similar assets in an active market, but include adjustments for specific advantages or disadvantages attaching to the particular asset that are not directly or indirectly observable in that market, or the number and / or amount of observable adjustments of which are so great that the valuation is more fairly described as being based on level 3 valuation inputs.

**Fair value hierarchy level 3 valuations of buildings, infrastructure and other assets:** There is no known market for these assets and they are valued at depreciated current replacement cost. This method involves:

The determination of the cost to construct the asset (or its modern engineering equivalent) using current prices for materials and labour, the quantities of each being estimated based on recent experience of this or similar Councils, or on industry construction guides where these are more appropriate.

The calculation of the depreciation that would have accumulated since original construction using current estimates of residual value and useful life under the prime cost depreciation method adopted by Council.

This method has significant inherent uncertainties, relying on estimates of quantities of materials and labour, residual values and useful lives, and the possibility of changes in prices for materials and labour, and the potential for development of more efficient construction techniques. Accordingly, formal sensitivity analysis does not provide useful information.

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In the course of revaluing (*name the asset classes*), the nature of the inputs applied was reviewed in detail for each asset and where necessary, the asset reassigned to the appropriate fair value hierarchy level. Such transfers take effect as at the date of the revaluation.

During the course of the year, a parcel of land previously held for operational purposes was designated as community land under the Local Government Act 1993. The change in designation introduced a new, unobservable input, being the restrictive processes involved in the future disposal of the land and necessitated the transfer of its valuation from fair value hierarchy level 2 to level 3, and the adjustment of the valuation. The transfer took effect at the date of designation as community land.

**Capitalisation thresholds** used by Council for a representative range of assets are shown below. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Office Furniture & Equipment	1,000
Other Plant & Equipment	1,000
Buildings - new construction/extensions	9,000
Park & Playground Furniture & Equipment	2,000
Road construction & reconstruction	9,000
Paving & footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	2,000
Drains & Culverts	5,000
Reticulation extensions	5,000
Sidelines & household connections	5,000
Artworks	5,000

**Estimated Useful Lives:** Useful lives are estimated for each individual asset. In estimating useful lives, regard is had to technical and commercial obsolescence, as well as legal and other limitations on continued use. The range of useful lives for a representative range of assets is shown below, although individual assets may have an estimated total useful life of greater or lesser amount:

#### Plant, Furniture & Equipment

Office Equipment	5 to 10 years
Office Furniture	10 to 20 years
Vehicles and Road-making Equip	5 to 8 years
Other Plant & Equipment	5 to 15 years

#### Building & Other Structures

Buildings – masonry	50 to 90 years
Buildings – other construction	20 to 40 years
Park Structures – masonry	50 to 90 years
Park Structures – other construction	20 to 40 years
Playground equipment	5 to 15 years
Benches, seats, etc	10 to 20 years

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**Infrastructure**

Sealed Roads – Surface	15 to 25 years
Sealed Roads – Structure	20 to 50 years
Unsealed Roads	10 to 20 years
Bridges – Concrete	80 to 90 years
Paving & Footpaths, Kerb & Gutter	80 to 90 years
Drains	80 to 90 years
Culverts	50 to 75 years
Flood Control Structures	80 to 90 years
Dams and Reservoirs	80 to 90 years
Bores	20 to 40 years
Reticulation Pipes – PVC	70 to 80 years
Reticulation Pipes – other	25 to 75 years
Pumps & Telemetry	15 to 25 years
Other Assets	
Library Books	10 to 15 years
Artworks indefinite	
Right-of-use assets (refer Note 17)	2 to 3 years

**Land & Land Improvements**

Council being of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliably to qualify for recognition, land under roads has not been recognised in these reports. Land acquired for road purposes during the year is initially recognised at cost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure.

Valuations of Land as at 1st July 2018 were at fair value as determined by Richard Gayler of Gayler Professional Engineering.

Additions are recognised at cost.

**Buildings & Other Structures**

Buildings and other structures were revalued as at 1st July 2018 by Richard Gayler of Gayler Professional Engineering.

**Infrastructure**

Valuations of infrastructure as at 1st July 2016 were at fair value as determined by Richard Gayler of Gayler Professional Engineering.

**Plant, Furniture & Equipment**

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

**All other assets**

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

**All other assets**

These assets are recognised on the cost basis. Library books and other lending materials are capitalised in bulk, and written out when fully depreciated.

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**Note 8 - LIABILITIES**

		2023		2022	
		\$		\$	
<b>TRADE &amp; OTHER PAYABLES</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Non-current</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Non-current</b>
Goods & Services		125,284	-	281,634	-
Payments received in advance		-	-	495,324	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements		71,410	-	63,998	-
Accrued expenses - other		3,520	-	56,459	-
Deposits, Retentions & Bonds		80,500	-	88,486	-
GST Payable		4,945	-	15,834	-
Other levels of Government		44,713	-	105,628	-
		<b>330,372</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,107,363</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>BORROWINGS</b>					
Loans		107,524	5,451,251	281,889	5,351,448
		<b>107,524</b>	<b>5,451,251</b>	<b>281,889</b>	<b>5,351,448</b>
<i>All interest bearing liabilities are secured over the future revenues of the Council.</i>					
<b>PROVISIONS</b>					
Employee entitlements (including oncosts)		246,345	42,534	526,001	29,496
AL Employee entitlements (including oncosts)		147,156	-	-	-
		<b>393,501</b>	<b>42,534</b>	<b>526,001</b>	<b>29,496</b>

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**Note 9 - RESERVES**

<b>ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE</b>	<b>1/7/2022</b>	<b>Net Increments/ (Decrements)</b>	<b>Transfers, Impairments</b>	<b>30/6/2023</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Land	590,893	-	-	<b>590,893</b>
Buildings & Other Structures	9,981,581	-	-	<b>9,981,581</b>
Infrastructure	20,170,574	-	-	<b>20,170,574</b>
Furniture & Fittings	731,046	-	-	<b>731,046</b>
Steamtown	86,437	-	-	<b>86,437</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,560,531</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,560,531</b>
<b>Comparatives</b>	<b>31,560,531</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,560,531</b>



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**Note 10 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

**(a) Reconciliation of Cash**

Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity subject to insignificant risk of changes of value. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>\$</b>	<b>2022</b> <b>\$</b>
Total cash & equivalent assets	5	<b>1,566,392</b>	2,151,020
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<b><u>1,566,392</u></b>	<b><u>2,151,020</u></b>

**(b) Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities**

Net Surplus (Deficit)	<b>662,897</b>	249,459
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	<b>1,107,745</b>	1,151,128
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits	<b>(112,050)</b>	116,195
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity	<b>(306,490)</b>	-
Net (Gain) Loss on Disposals	<b>112,575</b>	(78,661)
	<b><u>1,464,677</u></b>	<b><u>1,438,121</u></b>
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	<b>(23,514)</b>	(683)
Net (increase) decrease in inventories	<b>(6,492)</b>	729
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	<b>(773,514)</b>	93,389
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations</b>	<b><u>661,156</u></b>	<b><u>1,531,555</u></b>

**(c) Financing Arrangements**

Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit:

Corporate Credit Cards	<b>5,000</b>	5,000
LGFA Cash Advance Debenture facility	<b>250,000</b>	250,000

The bank overdraft facilities may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice.

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**Note 11 - FUNCTIONS**

**INCOMES, EXPENSES AND ASSETS HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES**

	INCOME		EXPENSES		OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		GRANTS INCLUDED IN INCOME		TOTAL ASSETS HELD (CURRENT & NON-CURRENT)	
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	2023	2022	2023	2022
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022				
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$				
<b>Administration</b>	<b>6,132,994</b>	5,724,406	<b>1,843,190</b>	1,898,943	<b>4,289,805</b>	3,825,463	<b>2,383,139</b>	2,464,782	-	-
<b>Public Order &amp; Safety</b>	-	-	<b>9,703</b>	9,997	<b>(9,703)</b>	(9,997)	-	-	-	-
<b>Health</b>	-	-	<b>3,867</b>	3,984	<b>(3,867)</b>	(3,984)	-	-	-	-
<b>Community Support</b>	<b>55,630</b>	51,924	<b>515,625</b>	531,222	<b>(459,995)</b>	(479,298)	<b>58,755</b>	60,768	-	-
<b>Recreation</b>	<b>41,544</b>	38,777	<b>535,574</b>	551,775	<b>(494,030)</b>	(512,998)	-	-	-	-
<b>Agricultural Services</b>	<b>18,120</b>	16,913	<b>59,779</b>	61,588	<b>(41,660)</b>	(44,675)	-	-	-	-
<b>Regulatory Services</b>	<b>33,473</b>	31,243	<b>152,993</b>	157,621	<b>(119,520)</b>	(126,378)	-	-	-	-
<b>Transport &amp; Communication</b>	-	-	<b>1,104,478</b>	1,137,886	<b>(1,104,478)</b>	(1,137,886)	-	-	-	-
<b>Economic Development</b>	<b>202,531</b>	189,038	<b>503,594</b>	518,827	<b>(301,064)</b>	(329,789)	<b>3,693</b>	3,820	-	-
<b>Other NEC</b>	-	-	<b>6,043</b>	6,226	<b>(6,043)</b>	(6,226)	<b>878,956</b>	909,068	-	-
<b>Inter Function</b>	-	-	<b>973,973</b>	1,003,434	<b>(973,973)</b>	(1,003,434)	-	-	<b>44,948,032</b>	45,256,149
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6,484,293</b>	6,052,301	<b>5,708,821</b>	5,881,503	<b>775,472</b>	170,798	<b>3,324,544</b>	3,438,438	<b>44,948,032</b>	45,256,149

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**Note 11 (con't) - COMPONENTS OF FUNCTIONS**

The activities relating to Council functions are as follows:

**Business Undertakings**

Abattoirs, Caravan Parks, Electricity Supply, Gravel Pits/Quarries, Development of Land for Resale, Marinas/Boat Havens, Markets/Saleyards, Off-street Car Parks – fee paying, Private Works, Property Portfolio, Sewerage/CWMS, Water Supply – Domestic, Town Bus Service, and Other – please specify.

**Community Services**

Public Order and Safety, Crime Prevention, Emergency Services, Other Fire Protection, Other Public Order and Safety, Health Services, Pest Control – Health, Immunisation, Nursing Homes, Preventive Health Services, Other Health Services, Community Support, Elderly Citizens Facilities, Home Assistance Scheme, Other Services for the Aged and Disabled, Child Care Centres, Children and Youth Services, community Assistance, Community Transport, Family and Neighbourhood Support, Other Community Support, Community Amenities, Bus Shelters, Cemeteries / Crematoria, Public Conveniences, Car Parking – non-fee-paying, Telecommunications Networks, and Other Community Amenities.

**Culture**

Library Services, Mobile Libraries and Housebound Services, Static Libraries, Other Library Services, Cultural Services, Cultural Venues, Heritage, Museums and Art Galleries, and Other Cultural Services.

**Economic Development**

Employment Creation Programs, Regional Development, Support to Local Businesses, Tourism, and Other Economic Development.

**Environment**

Agricultural Services, Agricultural Water, Animal/Plant Boards, Landcare, Other Agricultural Services, Waste Management, Domestic Waste, Green Waste, Recycling, Transfer Stations, Waste Disposal Facility, Other Waste Management, Other Environment, Coastal Protection, Stormwater and Drainage, Street Cleaning, Street Lighting, Streetscaping, Natural Resource Management Levy, and Other Environment.

**Recreation**

Jetties, Other Marine Facilities, Parks and Gardens, Sports Facilities – Indoor, Sports Facilities – Outdoor, Swimming Centres – Indoor, Swimming Centres – Outdoor, and Other Recreation.

**Regulatory Services**

Dog and Cat Control, Building Control, Town Planning, Clean Air/Pollution Control, Litter Control, Health Inspection, Parking Control, and Other Regulatory Services.

**Transport**

Aerodrome, Bridges, Bus Service, Footpaths and Kerbing, Roads – sealed, Roads – formed, Roads – natural formed, Roads – unformed, Traffic Management, LGGC – roads (formula funded), and Other Transport.

**Plant Hire & Depot**

**Unclassified Activities**

**Council Administration**

Governance, Administration n.e.c., Elected Members, Organisational, Support Services, Accounting/Finance, Payroll, Housing for Council Employees, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communication, Rates Administration, Records, Occupancy, Contract Management, Customer Service, Other Support Services, Revenues, LGGC – General Purpose, and Separate and Special Rates.

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**Note 12 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

All financial instruments are categorised as *loans and receivables*.

**Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments**

**Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits**

**Accounting Policy:** initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, interest is recognised when earned

**Terms & conditions:** Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 4% and 5% (2022: 1% and 3%).

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.

**Receivables - Rates & Associated**

**Accounting Policy:** initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method

**Terms & conditions:** Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 5.05% (2022: 5.02%) Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries in the State.

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

**Receivables - Fees & other charges**

**Accounting Policy:** initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method

**Terms & conditions:** Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries.

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

**Receivables - other levels of government**

**Accounting Policy:** initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method.

**Terms & conditions:** Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by Departments and Agencies of State and Federal Governments.

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value.

**Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals**

**Accounting Policy:** Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Council.

**Terms & conditions:** Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value.

**Liabilities - Interest Bearing Borrowings**

**Accounting Policy:** initially recognised at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost, interest is charged as an expense using the effective interest rate

**Terms & conditions:** secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable (describe basis); interest is charged at fixed (or variable - describe) rates between 4.6% and 5.3% (2022: 3.95% and 4.8%)

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value.

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**Note 12 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)**

**Liquidity Analysis**

<b>2023</b>	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<b><u>Financial Assets</u></b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	1,567,036	-	-	1,567,036	1,566,392
Receivables	459,949	-	-	459,949	460,593
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,026,985</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,026,985</b>	<b>2,026,985</b>
<b><u>Financial Liabilities</u></b>					
Payables	326,852	-	-	326,852	255,442
Current Borrowings	398,974	-	-	398,974	107,524
Non-Current Borrowings	-	1,974,545	6,737,619	8,712,165	5,451,251
<b>Total</b>	<b>725,826</b>	<b>1,974,545</b>	<b>6,737,619</b>	<b>9,437,991</b>	<b>5,814,217</b>

<b>2022</b>	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<b><u>Financial Assets</u></b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	2,150,919	-	-	2,150,919	2,151,020
Receivables	408,939	-	-	408,939	424,773
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,559,858</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,559,858</b>	<b>2,575,792</b>
<b><u>Financial Liabilities</u></b>					
Payables	1,050,904	-	-	1,050,904	986,906
Current Borrowings	553,322	-	-	553,322	281,889
Non-Current Borrowings	-	2,766,619	5,214,806	7,981,425	5,351,448
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,604,227</b>	<b>2,766,619</b>	<b>5,214,806</b>	<b>9,585,652</b>	<b>6,620,243</b>

The following interest rates were applicable to Council's borrowings at balance date:

	<b>30 June 2023</b>		<b>30 June 2022</b>	
	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Value
	%	\$	%	\$
Fixed Interest Rates	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>5,521,387</b>	4.6%	5,633,337
		<b>5,521,387</b>		<b>5,633,337</b>

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**Note 12 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (con't)**

**Net Fair Value**

All carrying values approximate fair value for all recognised financial instruments. There is no recognised market for the financial assets of the Council.

**Risk Exposures:**

Credit Risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Council is the carrying amount, net of any impairment. All Council investments are made with the SA Local Government Finance Authority and are guaranteed by the SA Government. Except as detailed in Notes 5 & 6 in relation to individual classes of receivables, exposure is concentrated within the Council's boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

Market Risk is the risk that fair values of financial assets will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices. All of Council's financial assets are denominated in Australian dollars and are not traded on any market, and hence neither market risk nor currency risk apply.

Liquidity Risk is the risk that Council will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Management Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates. Council also has available a range of bank overdraft and standby borrowing facilities that it can access.

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Council has a balance of both fixed and variable interest rate borrowings and investments. Cash flow fluctuations are managed holistically in seeking to minimise interest costs over the longer term in a risk averse manner.

**Expected Credit Losses (ECLs)**

Council uses an allowance matrix to measure expected credit losses for receivables from individual customers, which comprise a large number of small balances. As rates and annual charges are secured over subject land no allowance for such receivables is made. The following table provides information about Council's ECLs from receivables (excluding secured rates and charges, GST and other amounts held in trust). Impairment analysis is performed each reporting date. ECLS are based on credit history adjusted for forward looking estimates and economic conditions.

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**Note 13 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS**

These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with *Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators* prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements.

	2023	2022	2021
<b>Operating Surplus Ratio</b>			
<u>Operating Surplus</u>	12.0%	2.8%	-4.2%
Total Operating Income			

*This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of total operating revenue.*

**Net Financial Liabilities Ratio**

<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	66%	78%	94%
Total Operating Income			

*Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets. These are expressed as a percentage of total operating revenue.*

**Adjustments to Ratios**

In recent years the Federal Government has made advance payments prior to 30th June from future year allocations of financial assistance grants, as explained in Note 1. These **Adjusted Ratios** correct for the resulting distortion in key ratios for each year and provide a more accurate basis for comparison.

<b>Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio</b>	4.0%	-5.5%	-3.5%
<b>Adjusted Net Financial Liabilities Ratio</b>	103%	107%	109%

**Asset Renewal Funding Ratio**

<u>Outlays on Existing Assets</u>	148%	112%	129%
Asset Renewals - IAMP			

*Net asset renewals expenditure is defined as net capital expenditure on the renewal and replacement of existing assets relative to the optimal level planned, and excludes new capital expenditure on the acquisition of additional assets.*



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**Note 14 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES**

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Council prepared on a simplified Uniform Presentation Framework basis, adjusted for timing differences associated with prepaid Federal assistance Grants required to be recognised as revenue on receipt in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

All Councils in South Australia have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.

The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Council's finances.

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<i>Rates</i>	<b>2,329,515</b>	2,108,047
<i>Statutory charges</i>	<b>48,557</b>	38,550
<i>User charges</i>	<b>418,589</b>	270,254
<i>Grants, subsidies and contributions - Capital</i>	<b>801,814</b>	912,532
<i>Grants, subsidies and contributions` - Operating</i>	<b>2,522,730</b>	2,525,906
<i>Investment income</i>	<b>14,412</b>	4,555
<i>Reimbursements</i>	<b>284,438</b>	19,138
<i>Other income</i>	<b>64,238</b>	173,319
	<b>6,484,293</b>	6,052,301
<b>Expenses</b>		
<i>Employee costs</i>	<b>(2,398,722)</b>	(2,107,128)
<i>Materials, contracts and other expenses</i>	<b>(2,062,394)</b>	(2,335,161)
<i>Depreciation, amortisation and impairment</i>	<b>(1,107,745)</b>	(1,151,127)
<i>Finance costs</i>	<b>(139,960)</b>	(288,087)
	<b>(5,708,821)</b>	(5,881,503)
<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>775,472</b>	170,797
<i>Timing adjustment for grant revenue</i>	<b>(540,569)</b>	(475,928)
<b>Adjusted Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>234,903</b>	(305,131)
<b>Net Outlays on Existing Assets</b>		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	<b>(1,495,486)</b>	(1,201,013)
Add back Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	<b>1,107,745</b>	1,151,127
Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<b>44,735</b>	138,272
	<b>(343,006)</b>	88,386
<b>Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets</b>		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets <i>(including investment property &amp; real estate developments)</i>	<b>(26,962)</b>	(134,899)
	<b>(26,962)</b>	(134,899)
<b>Annual Net Impact to Financing Activities</b>	<b>(135,064)</b>	(351,644)

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**Note 15 – SUPERANNUATION**

The Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to Hostplus (formerly Local Government Superannuation Scheme and Statewide Super). There are two types of membership, each of which is funded differently. Permanent and contract employees of the South Australian Local Government sector with Salarylink benefits prior to 24 November 2009 have the option to contribute to the Accumulation section and/or Salarylink. All other employees (including casuals) have all contributions allocated to the Accumulation section.

**Accumulation only Members**

Accumulation only members receive both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of ordinary time earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation (10.5% in 2022-23; 10% in 2021-22). No further liability accrues to the Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the Fund.

**Salarylink (Defined Benefit Fund) Members**

Salarylink is a defined benefit scheme where the benefit payable is based on a formula determined by the member's contribution rate, number of years and level of contribution and final average salary. Council makes employer contributions to Salarylink as determined by the Fund's Trustee based on advice from the appointed Actuary. The rate is currently 6.3% (6.3% in 2021-22) of "superannuation" salary.

In addition, Council makes a separate contribution of 3% of ordinary time earnings for Salarylink members to their Accumulation account. Employees also make member contributions to the Salarylink section of the Fund. As such, assets accumulate in the Salarylink section of the Fund to meet the member's benefits, as defined in the Trust Deed, as they accrue.

The Salarylink section is a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Salarylink section's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by each employer, and employees may transfer to another employer within the local government sector and retain membership of the Fund, the Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. As provided by AASB 119.34(a), Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions.

The most recent actuarial investigation was conducted by the Fund's actuary, Louise Campbell, FIAA, of Willis Towers Watson as at 30 June 2023. The Trustee has determined that the current funding arrangements are adequate for the expected Salarylink liabilities. However, future financial and economic circumstances may require changes to Council's contribution rates at some future time.

**Contributions to Other Superannuation Schemes**

Council also makes contributions to other superannuation schemes selected by employees under the "choice of fund" legislation. All such schemes are of the accumulation type, where the superannuation benefits accruing to the employee are represented by their share of the net assets of the scheme, and no further liability attaches to the Council.

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**Note 16 - CONTINGENT ASSETS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The following assets and liabilities do not qualify for recognition in the Statement of Financial Position but knowledge of those items is considered relevant to user of the financial report in making and evaluating decisions about the allocation of scarce resources.

**1. LAND UNDER ROADS**

As reported elsewhere in these Statements, Council is of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliably for these assets to qualify for recognition, and accordingly land under roads has not been recognised in these reports. Land acquired for road purposes during the year is initially recognised at cost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure.

**2. POTENTIAL INSURANCE LOSSES**

Council is a multi-purpose organisation providing a large range of building, parks infrastructure, playgrounds and other facilities accessible to the public. At any time, it is likely that claims will have been made against Council that remain unsettled.

Council insures against all known insurable risks using a range of insurance policies, each of which is subject to a deductible "insurance excess", the amount of which varies according to the class of insurance.

Council has recognised the potential losses arising from claims known at reporting date based on average historical net cost (including insurance excess) of similar types of claims. Other potential claims not reported to Council may have existed at reporting date.

**3. LEGAL EXPENSES**

Council is the planning consent authority for its area under the Development Act 1993 (as amended). Pursuant to that Act, certain persons aggrieved by a planning decision of the Council may appeal. It is normal practice that parties bear their own legal costs. At the date of these reports, Council had notice of zero appeals against planning decisions made prior to reporting date. All known costs have been recognised.

**Note 17 - EVENTS AFTER THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DATE**

**Peterborough Community Wastewater Management System**

The Peterborough Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) was commissioned in October 2018 and continues to experience failures at the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) High Rate Algal Ponds (HRAP's). The failures have been identified as construction faults that result in the HRAP's liner continuing to fail. Initial investigations determined the best course of rectification to consist of a reconstruction of the HRAP's at an estimated cost of \$4.5M.

At the reporting period Council had not received confirmation of funding, or part funding, from the CWMS program to assist with the rectification works and consequently has identified the required works as a contingent liability, due to the financial impact. The financial impact is due to the fact that the servicing of an additional loan for full or part funding associated with the rectification works, over and above the existing loans predominately used for the construction of the CWMS, will negatively impact Councils financial position in particular the Operating Surplus Ratio and Net Financial Liabilities ratio. Furthermore, the servicing cost associated with a potential rectification loan would have a profound effect on Councils operating position, which potentially could result in an increase of General and Service Rates or, a reduction in expenditure thus impacting on Councils service delivery standards to the community.

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**Note 18 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

**KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

The Key Management Personnel of the Council include the Mayor, Councillors, CEO and certain prescribed officers under section 112 of the Local Government Act 1999. In all, 13 persons were paid the following total compensation:

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>\$</b>	\$
Salaries, allowances & other short term benefits	<b>411,403</b>	456,387
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>411,403</b>	456,387

## District Council of Peterborough

### Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the attached financial statements, being a general purpose financial report, of the District Council of Peterborough (Council) for the year ended 30 June 2023.

#### Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Opinion section, the financial statements of the Council are properly drawn up:

- a) to present fairly the financial position of the Council as at the 30 June 2023 and the results of its operations for the period then ended, and;
- b) according to Australian Accounting Standards.

#### Basis for Opinion

For the audit of the Council we have maintained our independence in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Section 290. We believe that the audit evidence that we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Infrastructure assets have not been revalued since the 1 July 2016. A revaluation needs to be undertaken to confirm the written down replacement cost and the depreciation expense.

As the Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) was constructed since the previous infrastructure valuation it also will need to be revalued to confirm the written down replacement cost and the depreciation expense.

#### Other Information – Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist the council to meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 together with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the members.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Report

The Board of Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 together with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the schedule is free from material misstatement.

# Ian G McDonald FCA



An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement in the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ian G McDonald'.

Ian G McDonald FCA  
Registered Company Auditor 16458

Signed at Grange this 27 November 2023

## Independent Assurance Report on the Internal Controls of the District Council of Peterborough

We have audited the compliance of the District Council of Peterborough (Council) with the requirements of Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.

### Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects on the Internal Controls of the matter referred to in the Basis for Opinion section the Council has complied, in all material respects, with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to Internal Controls established by the Council in relation to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities so as to provide reasonable assurance that the financial transactions of the Council have been conducted properly and in accordance with law for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

### Basis for Opinion

For the audit of the Council we have maintained our independence in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Section 290. We believe that the audit evidence that we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

As a result of the implementation of a new computerised accounting system in the 2019/20 financial year there was a lack of evidence in relation to an independent review of the reports from the subsidiary ledgers to support the balances in the Statement of Financial Position.

### Limitation on Use

This report has been prepared for the members of the Council in accordance with *Section 129* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to the Internal Controls specified above. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report to any persons or users other than the members of the Council, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

### Inherent Limitations

Due to the inherent limitations of any compliance procedure, it is possible that fraud, error or non-compliance may occur and not be detected. A reasonable assurance engagement is not designed to detect all instances of non-compliance with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to the Internal Controls specified above, as the engagement is not performed continuously throughout the period and the procedures performed in respect of compliance with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to the Internal Controls specified above are undertaken on a test basis.

### The Council's Responsibility for the Internal Controls

The Council is responsible for implementing and maintaining an adequate system of internal controls, in accordance with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation to Internal Controls to ensure that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property, and incurring of liabilities have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.



# Ian G McDonald FCA



## Our Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Council's compliance with *Section 125* of the *Local Government Act 1999* in relation only to the Internal Controls established by the Council to ensure that financial transactions relating to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, acquisition and disposal of property and incurring of liabilities, based on our procedures. Our engagement has been conducted in accordance with applicable *Australian Standards on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3100 Compliance Engagements*, issued by the *Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board*, in order to state whether, in all material respects, the Council has complied with Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999 in relation only to the Internal Controls specified above for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023. *ASAE 3100* also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Our procedures included obtaining an understanding of controls in relation to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property and the incurring of liabilities, evaluating management's assessment of these controls, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and implementation of controls on a sample basis based on the assessed risks.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ian G McDonald'.

## Ian G McDonald FCA

Chartered Accountant

Registered Company Auditor 16458

Signed at Grange, 27 November 2023

**District Council of Peterborough**  
**Annual Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2023**  
**CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE**

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of The District Council of Peterborough for the year ended 30 June 2023, the Council's Auditor, Ian G McDonlad FCA, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22(3) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.



Colin Davies

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



Richard Perkins

**PRESIDING MEMBER AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Date:**

21/11/23

22/11/23

**District Council of Peterborough**

**Annual Financial Statement**

**For the year ended 30 June 2023**

**Audit Certificate of Audit Independence**

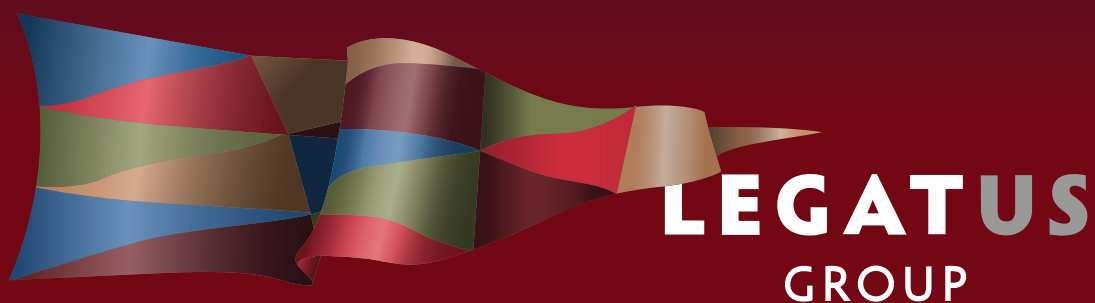
We confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the District Council of Peterborough for the year ended 30 June 2023, we have maintained our independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Section 290, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22 (5) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.



**Ian G McDonald FCA**

Date: 25 September 2023



# ANNUAL REPORT

2022 / 2023



*Legatus Group:  
Regional Local Government  
ambassador and advocate*

The Central Local Government Region was established in 1998 under Section 200 of the Local Government Act 1934 as a controlling authority and continues as a regional subsidiary of its establishing councils under Part 2 of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999 ("the Act") by virtue of the provisions of Section 43 of the Local Government (Implementation) Act 1999.

In 2016 the Central Local Government Region of South Australia adopted the name of the Legatus Group to which it is now referred.

# ANNUAL REPORT

LEGATUS GROUP - 2022 / 2023

## THE LEGATUS GROUP CHARTER CLAUSE 6.3 ANNUAL REPORT

- 6.3.1 *The Legatus Group must each year, produce an Annual Report summarising the activities, achievements and financial performance of the Legatus Group for the preceding Financial Year.*
- 6.3.2 *The Annual Report must incorporate the audited financial statements of the Legatus Group for the relevant Financial Year.*
- 6.3.3 *The Annual Report must be provided to the Constituent Councils by 30 September each year.*

The Central Local Government Region was established in 1998 under Section 200 of the Local Government Act 1934 as a controlling authority. It now continues in existence as a regional subsidiary of its member Councils under Part 2 of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999 by the provisions of Section 25 of the Local Government (Implementation) Act 1999.

In 2016 the Central Local Government Region of South Australia adopted the trading name of Legatus Group to which it is now referred.

The Legatus Group is a body corporate and is governed by a Board of Management which has the responsibility to manage all activities of the group and ensure that they act in accordance with its Charter.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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## LEGATUS GROUP BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board consists of all principal members (Mayors) of the Constituent Councils which for 2022/2023 saw changes following the November 2022 elections.

COUNCIL	DELEGATE
Adelaide Plains Council	Mayor Mark Wasley
Barunga West Council	Mayor Leonie Kerley
Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council	Mayor Wayne Thomas - Mayor Allan Aughey OAM
Copper Coast Council	Mayor Roslyn Talbot
District Council of Mount Remarkable	Mayor Phillip Heaslip - Mayor Stephen McCarthy
District Council of Orroroo Carrieton	Mayor Kathie Bowman
District Council of Peterborough	Mayor Ruth Whittle OAM
Light Regional Council	Mayor Bill O'Brien
Northern Areas Council	Mayor Ben Browne - Mayor Sue Scarman
Port Pirie Regional Council	Mayor Leon Stephens
Regional Council of Goyder	Mayor Peter Matthey OAM - Mayor Bill Gebhardt
The Barossa Council	Mayor Bim Lange OAM
The Flinders Ranges Council	Mayor Greg Flint - Mayor Ken Anderson
Wakefield Regional Council	Mayor Rodney Reid
Yorke Peninsula Council	Mayor Darren Braund



# ANNUAL REPORT

LEGATUS GROUP - 2022 / 2023

## OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2022/23

POSITION	DELEGATE
Chairman	Mayor Phillip Heaslip until 9 September 2022 then Mayor Rodney Reid
Deputy Chairs	Mayor Bill O'Brien Mayor Rodney Reid until 9 September 2022 Mayor Ken Anderson from 19 May 2023
South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils	Mayor Bill O'Brien Mayor Peter Matthey OAM until 18 August 2023 then Mayor Rodney Reid
Chief Executive Officer	Mr Simon Millcock
Auditor	Dean Newbery and Partners

The following meetings of the Board of Management were held during the 2022/23 year:

- 18 August 2022 Special Meeting online
- 9 September 2022 Annual General Meeting - Burra
- 9 September 2022 Ordinary General Meeting - Burra
- 16 December 2022 Ordinary General Meeting - Kadina
- 10 February 2023 Ordinary General Meeting - Port Pirie
- 19 May 2023 Ordinary General Meeting - Bundaleer North
- 2 June 2022 Special Meeting online

There were five advisory committees in 2022/2023:

- Audit and Risk Management Committee
- Regional Management Group
- Road Transport and Infrastructure Advisory Committee
- Waste Management Advisory Committee
- Community Wastewater Management Advisory Committee

All agendas and minutes from the Board meetings and these committees are published on the Legatus Group Website.

All advisory committee minutes were provided with the agendas to the Legatus Group meetings.

The Constituent Councils are provided during the year with Board Agendas, Minutes, Annual Report, Business Plan, Budget and Financial Reports.



# ANNUAL REPORT

LEGATUS GROUP - 2022 / 2023

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

AUDIT COMMITTEE	MEMBERS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayor Kathie Bowman (Orroroo Carrieton)</li><li>• Mayor Rodney Reid (Wakefield)</li><li>• Mr Peter Ackland (Port Pirie)</li><li>• Mr Stephen Rufus (Chair) (Peterborough)</li><li>• Mr Ian McDonald (Independent)</li></ul>

MANAGEMENT GROUP (COUNCIL CEOS)	MEMBERS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Sam Johnson OAM (Mt Remarkable)</li><li>• Mr James Miller (Adelaide Plains)</li><li>• Mr Martin McCarthy (Barossa)</li><li>• Ms Maree Wauchope (Barunga West)</li><li>• Dr Helen Macdonald (Clare &amp; Gilbert Valleys)</li><li>• Mr Russell Peate (Copper Coast)</li><li>• Mr Eric Brown (Flinders Ranges)</li><li>• Mr David Stevenson (Goyder)</li><li>• Mr Richard Dodson (Light)</li><li>• Ms Kelly Westell (Northern Areas)</li><li>• Mr Paul Simpson (Orroroo Carrieton)</li><li>• Mr Stephen Rufus (Peterborough)</li><li>• Mr Peter Ackland (Pirie Regional)</li><li>• Mr Andrew MacDonald (Wakefield) (Chair)</li><li>• Mr Andrew Cameron (Yorke Peninsula)</li></ul>





# ANNUAL REPORT

LEGATUS GROUP - 2022 / 2023

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ROAD TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE ADVSORY COMMITTEE	MEMBERS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr Helen Macdonald (Clare &amp; Gilbert Valleys) (Chair)</li><li>• Mayor Leon Stephens (Port Pirie)</li><li>• Lee Wallis (Goyder)</li><li>• Steve Kaesler (Barossa)</li><li>• Tim Neumann (Copper Coast)</li><li>• Andre Kompler (Yorke Peninsula)</li><li>• Karen Lee-Jones (Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure)</li><li>• Daniel Willson (CEO RDA YMN)</li><li>• Stuart Roberts (Wakefield)</li><li>• Mitchell Foote (Flinders Ranges)</li></ul>
WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE	MEMBERS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayor Mark Wasley (Adelaide Plains) (Chair)</li><li>• Ivan Nolte (Copper Coast)</li><li>• Tom Jones (Adelaide Plains)</li><li>• Aaron Curtis (Barossa)</li><li>• Glen Growden (Wakefield Regional)</li><li>• Andre Kompler (Yorke Peninsula)</li><li>• Lynette Seccafien (Adelaide Plains)</li><li>• Stephen Rufus CEO (Peterborough)</li></ul>
COMMUNITY WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE	MEMBERS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayor Leon Stephens (Port Pirie) (Chair)</li><li>• Gary Easthope (Clare and Gilbert Valleys)</li><li>• Grant Smith (Yorke Peninsula)</li><li>• Nathan Berry (Light)</li><li>• Kirsty Morgan (Wakefield)</li></ul>

# ANNUAL REPORT

LEGATUS GROUP - 2022 / 2023

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

MAYOR RODNEY REID

“ *It has been an honour to have been elected as Chairman of the Legatus Group at the September 2022 AGM and to move from previous role as Deputy.* ”

Firstly, I wish to acknowledge that there has been 5 new members to the board with 4 new Mayors and 1 returning Mayor which has provided some level of continuity. The Local Government elections in late 2022 did cause some level of complexity around appointments and decision making. With this in mind we held an induction session and following the board's approval we distributed a draft strategic plan and I took the opportunity to visit all member councils along with our CEO.

It was a pleasure to have Mayor Bill O'Brien as a Deputy Chairman and fellow member of the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) and to welcome Mayor Ken Anderson in May 2023 as a joint Deputy Chairman.

At the May 2023 meeting Mayor Bowman announced her intention to resign and the Legatus Group thanked her for her long service to her community and the Legatus Group including as inaugural member of the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee.

There had been a decline in the attendance at board meetings prior to my appointment plus a break down in the connections between the Management Group (CEOs) and their involvement with the board.

I am of the opinion that this has since turned the corner following a workshop I attended with the Management Group and a new approach to the board meetings agendas which includes relevant examples of projects and programs from member councils.

The Legatus Group at the 19 May 2023 meeting committed to having an independent review of the charter and the strategic plan which is designed to assist in clarifying our direction. This will allow both Board Members and the CEOs to be further engaged on the future of the Legatus Group and allow them to provide input to their member councils.

It should be noted that the Barunga West Council has provided the 18 months' notice required of their withdrawal of membership according to our charter and CEO Simon Millcock acknowledged this through a return email to Barunga West Council.

The board has taken an approach over the past five years to not significantly increase members fees whilst using the reserves to undertake both administration and project work including the appointment of an Administration Officer. The board last year noted this needed reviewing in 2022/2023, which occurred through our Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2023/2024, whilst the plan to meet the targets for our reserves as previously agreed to by June 2023 occurred.

For the second year in a row the Legatus Group has paid for the membership of member councils to the SA Coastal Council Alliance. With a desire from the members seeking more user pay for the various projects taken on by Legatus, the funding for the SA Coastal Council Alliance memberships has not been included in the adopted Legatus 2023/2024 budget.

The board has continued to focus on the key areas of:

- Roads and Transport Infrastructure
- Waste Management – including Wastewater
- Community Capacity Wellbeing
- Environmental Sustainability



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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

MAYOR RODNEY REID (CONTINUED)

The Legatus Group provides a pivotal role to member councils in advocating on regional and state-wide issues and this has included:

- Rating equity associated with major energy producers continues through the recommendations and reports by the Legatus Group to the LGA.
- Wellbeing and Mental Health with a delegation of local MPs' Lifeline and the Legatus Group meeting with Minister for Health to gain support for retaining and expanding the Community Connect Centre model delivered by Lifeline. This included attendance by Dr John Brayley Chief Psychiatrist to the December 2022 Legatus Group meeting.
- Assisted with matters relating to Community Wastewater Management Schemes which saw a review and CWMS reform program.
- Delivery of the Northern and Yorke Drought Resilience Plan in partnership with Regional Development Australia Organisations and the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board.
- Review of the methodology used in assessing applications for the Special Local Roads Program.
- The role of Regional LGAs and SAROC to reduce any ambiguity associated with the Regional LGAs being able to provide reports to SAROC so that they can provide both a filtering mechanism for members and submit appropriate reports to SAROC.
- Support to the Flinders Ranges Council in their approach to have a review of appointments to LGA Board and SAROC and timing of the AGM.
- Support to the Goyder Council in their advocacy on the lack of backup power to telecommunications towers.
- Recommendations that the LGA consider creating a new committee for areas of support sought by member councils associated with CWMS.
- Support to the Flinders Ranges Council in their advocacy for the reintroduction of electronic attendance by Councillors at Council meetings.
- Approach by the Legatus Group to lobby for increased funding for the SLRP Program.
- Support to the Orroroo Carrieton Council opposition to the model Fee Structure being set by ESCOSA.





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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

**MAYOR RODNEY REID (CONTINUED)**

The Legatus Group provided support at a regional and state level with forums, workshops and webinars which attracted over 400 people throughout the year and they included:

- SA CWMS Conference (partnership with LGA) - Adelaide
- Legatus Group Waste Forum (partnership with KESAB) – Peterborough
- Prosper! Interdisciplinary solutions for Prosperous Regions Forum (partnership UniSA) - Nuriootpa
- Yorke Mid North Alliance Regional Planning Forum (partnership Northern and Yorke Alliance) - Tanunda
- Legatus Group Regional Roads Forum – Maitland
- Accessible Tourism Forum (partnership Catalyst Foundation) – Kadina
- Ageing and Disability Lifestyle Expo – Kadina
- Community Development Forum – Burra
- Native Foods Cultural Awareness Forum – Quorn
- Urban Sustainability Forum – Freeling

**Key reports and projects supported this year by the Legatus Group were:**

- Updated Report - Wellbeing Gap Analysis Legatus Group Northern Councils released.
- Attracting, Developing and Retaining Regional Local Government Workforce Report released.
- Career Pathways & Workforce Toolkit for Regional SA Councils commenced.
- MoU established with Lions International to support Waste reduction.
- Northern and Yorke Community Continuity Planning for Disasters.
- Stormwater Harvesting
- Legatus Group Regional Local Roads Plan database updates and Expansion of Regional Road Transport GIS and including Bridge and Culverts.
- NHVR Strategic Local Government Asset Assessment Project with National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.
- CWMS on-line training project.
- Assessment of Bridge and Culverts report
- Legatus Group Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2026
- Northern and Yorke Climate Change Sector Agreement.
- Northern and Yorke Drought Resilience Plan.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### MAYOR RODNEY REID (CONTINUED)

Direct support has been provided to grant applications for the region which have resulted in close to \$4.5m of value to the region. They include:

- 2022 SLRP grants resulting in \$4.056m across 4 councils from a total \$13.356m allocated to regional councils in 2022 or approx. 30% of the funding.
- Preparing your community for disasters and emergencies – Northern and Yorke Region of SA secured \$92,000 funding from SAFECOM.
- Pilot Organics Processing Plant at Peterborough (successful)
- Carbon Offsetting for Local Government – being led by City of Adelaide (successful)
- Climate Resilient Asset Capacity Augmentation for Community Wastewater Management
- with Constructed Floating Wetland Systems – being led by UniSA (successful)
- Caravan / RV Dump Point Project – being led by Flinders University (successful)
- LG Career Pathways & Workforce Toolkit for Regional SA Councils – being led by Torrens University (successful)
- Landscape Board Future Drought Fund: Extension and Adoption of Drought Resilience Farming Practices Grants Program application.
- Adelaide Plains Council Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative.
- Uni SA Solar PV Recycling

The Legatus Group continued to support the South Australia Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub as a Local Government project partner.

There has been significant support for equity associated with the Special Local Roads Program funding and we were pleased to see the positive outcomes especially for the Yorke Peninsula Council application.

We continue to encourage and foster closer working relationships with the three Regional Development Australia (RDA) organisations and the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board.

The Legatus Group have supported and are an active partner in the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Aboriginal Engagement Committee.

The board has made a concerted effort to reduce the amount of project work being undertaken and progress more on advocacy and providing a partnership approach with others on projects.

The Legatus Group CEO and staff committed large amounts of time to the development of many Conferences and Forums which have all been highly regarded and of great value to those attending and especially member councils. I also note with positivity the CEO efforts to support regional councils across the State.

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

**MAYOR RODNEY REID (CONTINUED)**

The Audit and Risk Management Group Committee have ensured that the work plan has assisted us in improving our governance and recommendations around variations to our policies. The other advisory committees have played a key role in supporting and recommending actions to the board. It is pleasing to see more board members and council staff being active on these committees. I would like to acknowledge all the Board members and council CEOs and staff who have committed time to the Advisory Committees.

I thank CEO Simon Millcock for the reports prepared and the introduction of the bi-monthly newsletter which is distributed to stakeholders and partners in all spheres of government. I wish to thank him for his commitment and passion for the local government sector and his willingness to work with all members and to accept and progress the ongoing changes within the Legatus Group.

2022/2023 has been a year of listening to each other, learning from each other and redirecting our focus as we work together to support and strengthen our region.

*Insert Signature*

Mayor Rodney Reid

Chairman Legatus Group

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## CEO REPORT MR SIMON MILLCOCK

“ Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the support provided to me by Chairman Mayor Rodney Reid and Deputy Chairman Mayor Bill O'Brien, Board Members, CEOs, Committees, Regional Partners and the Legatus Group staff over the past year.

This year saw the focus on a more consolidated approach to advocacy and increased partnerships.

There were three grants secured in 2023/2024 which were:

1. **Regional Capacity Building Allocations – LGA**
2. **Joint Services Arrangements CWMS – LGA CWMS**
3. **Preparing your community for disasters and emergencies – SAFECOM**

Items 2 and 3 allowed for the employment of part time Project Officers Dr Paul Chapman and Robert Bunch. All contracts for grants and projects have been reported on according to the agreements with a delay experienced in securing the first payment of the SAFECOM funds due to the reference group meeting late in June 2023 to approval a draft document required by SAFECOM.

This year 54% of the Legatus Group's income came from its membership fees. The 15-member council contributions during the previous six years had been on average around 30% of the Legatus Group income.

Due to a reduction in project work, there were less grants obtained although they did make up around 33% of the Legatus Group income. Interest rates increased, which resulted in a better than predicted return on investment income.

This reduction in grant funding was also reflected in a major reduction in contractor and consultant costs compared to the previous 4-5 years.

Areas with increases in expenses to those budgeted were due to motor vehicle costs as the change over to a new vehicle was not able to occur due to supply delays. The meeting and conference costs were substantially higher than the previous year but this was budgeted for as the Legatus Group had responsibility to manage the Annual Forum for the Northern and Yorke Alliance. Telephone, Internet and Websites were around half of the costs from 2022 and this was due to working from home and the website being updating in 2022.

The financial result is that the Legatus Group continues to be in a sound financial position to cover its forthcoming liabilities and within the targets set by the board for its reserves. Previous decisions by the Legatus Group were to have around 18 months of operational costs / commitments available with some funds as a contingency for any possible immediate project. The amount that has been identified previously was \$450,000 and this year the amount in the accumulated surplus and other reserves is just slightly under \$500,000.

The Legatus Group budget for 2022/2023 had shown an operating deficit of \$172,800 and the actual deficit was \$119,340. Noting that the instalments from SAFECOM of \$42,000 and \$3,000 from the LGA for projects whilst invoiced were not received by 30 June 2023.

The closure of the Legatus Group office has continued to assist with reduced administration costs with all staff working from their home offices. Plus, there was a reduction in travel required by the CEO although this was countered by the inability to secure a new vehicle so vehicle maintenance costs were higher.

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## CEO REPORT

**MR SIMON MILLCOCK (CONTINUED)**

The board has noted that the current use of reserves to fund administration costs is not sustainable and following support from 11 of the member councils for the 2023/2024 Legatus Group Business Plan and Budget there will be an increase in membership fees. This will be further addressed in the coming year with a review of the Charter and Strategic Plan.

This year saw my attendance and delivery of agendas, minutes and reports to over 40 Legatus Group Board, Advisory Committees, Yorke Mid North Alliance and SAROC meetings whilst managing the delivery of state and regional forums, workshops and webinars.

The board continued to support having a part time administration officer and the contract with Tracey Rains was extended and this has provided beneficial outcomes.

The 2 reviews of the Legatus Group Strategic Plan during the year were not able to reach a conclusion with the first version being approved by 14 of the 15 constituent councils and following the Local Government election the second version approved by 11 of the 15 constituent councils. As the charter requires all 15 member councils to approve this was not achieved.

I am a member of the Yorke Mid North Alliance, Regional LGA CEOs Forum and the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Aboriginal Engagement Committee (proxy for Mayor O'Brien). Whilst I provided a regional voice to help support the local government sector in several areas including:

- EPA and the State of the Environment Report Assurance Group
- Orroroo and Roseworthy Drought Hub Nodes
- Local Govt Regional Climate Partnerships Network
- UniSA C-Edge Advisory Board
- Volunteer SA NT – Volunteer Strategy

The Legatus Group Website updates include increased information from all forums undertaken as a resource plus the bi-monthly CEO Newsletter gains positive feedback. The social media presence has continued to grow with increased followers on both Facebook and LinkedIn.





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## CEO REPORT

**MR SIMON MILLCOCK (CONTINUED)**

### Reports distributed and or published include:

- Legatus Group Road Transport Plan Expansion to now include QGIS and Roads Data Base Update.
- Wellbeing Gap Analysis from the Northern Councils Update.
- Attracting, Developing and Retaining Regional Local Government Workforce Report.
- Northern and Yorke Drought Resilience Plan.

### Projects which have commenced and that are being supported are:

- Preparing your community for disasters and emergencies – Northern and Yorke Region of SA (Legatus Group)
- Extending the capacity of regional Community Wastewater Management Systems (UniSA)
- Local Government Career Pathways & Workforce Toolkit for Regional South Australia (Torrens University)
- Stormwater Harvesting (Space Down Under)
- Carbon Offsetting for Local Government (consortium of councils via City of Adelaide)
- Caravan / RV Dump Point Project (Flinders Uni)
- Prosperous Regions Conference (UniSA)
- Native Foods Supply Chain (UniSA)
- Drought Future Fund - Community Impact project (Northern and Yorke Alliance via RDA BGLAP)
- Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Resilient Coastal Ecosystems on YP and Gulf and Ranger Project.
- NHVR / Legatus Group Heavy Vehicle Priority Route Collaboration.
- District Council of Peterborough Pilot Organics Processing Plant.

### Whilst support was provided to:

- Adelaide Plains Councils application for Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative.
- UniSA Solar PV Recycling
- LGA application to the Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program.
- LGA Building Sector Capability Project
- UniSA Support for uaDA Grant - Digital Data Connectivity and Sharing Platform for Climate Resilience and Adaptation Planning in Regional SA.

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## CEO REPORT MR SIMON MILLCOCK

Advocacy support continues to be a priority and this has included.

- Legatus Group request for changes to SLRP applications
- Legatus Group support for an LGA CWMS Advisory Committee
- Yorke Peninsula Council with the North Coast Road Point Turton SLRP application
- The Flinders Ranges Council re Councillor participation at council meetings through electronic means
- District Council of Orroroo Carrieton re Equity in cost by ESCOSA
- Lifeline Community Connect – Centralised model for the delivery of Mental Health
- Rating Equity for Councils from Power Generators

The second half of the year has seen the LGA advise that Regional LGAs previous approach for engagement as both a filtering mechanism and being able to provide direct reports on matters to SAROC is not supported. This has caused a level of concern in the Legatus Group and this is being addressed by the LGA and Regional LGAs.

I sincerely thank the support I received from Paul Chapman, Tracey Rains, Robert Bunch and Colin Davies. Working in isolation across a broad region has its challenges but the resulting work from all reflected well for the Legatus Group.

*Insert Signature*

Simon Millcock

CEO Legatus Group

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## CHAIRMAN LEGATUS GROUP AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE – STEPHEN RUFUS

This is a summary of activities undertaken, and recommendations made during 2022-2023.

The committee met on 4 occasions.

DATE	NO OF MEMBERS ATTENDING
25 August 2022	5
8 December 2022	3
31 January 2023	4
5 May 2023	5

COMMITTEE MEMBER	NO OF MEETINGS ATTENDING
Mayor Kathie Bowman	3
Mayor Rodney Reid	4
Peter Ackland	2
Stephen Rufus	4
Ian McDonald	4





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The following table sets out the principal issues addressed by the Committee for 2022-2023.

PRINCIPAL ISSUES EXAMINED	COMMENT
Audit Committee Chair	That there is an Independent Member of the Audit Committee to Chair approved and Stephen Rufus appointed.
Annual Financial Report	No issues, unqualified audit, adopted for the 21/22 financial year.
Review of Budget Against Actuals	Noted no issues and supported the allocation of the expenditure identified of carry over reserves and accumulated surplus for business plan and budgets.
Review of Work Plan, Internal Controls	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Work planned maintained and adoption of recommendations by Auditor re policies.</li><li>2. Recommended and supported workshop on strategic plans and long term financial plan with appropriate recommendations to the board.</li></ol>
Charter	Recommended the Legatus Group adopt a variation to the Legatus Group Charter regrading adoption of Annual Business Plan and Budget.
Business, Budget and Strategic Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Monitored the 2022-2023 business plan and budget and its quarterly updates.</li><li>2. Noted, supported and provided input to Legatus Group Strategic Plan reviews.</li><li>3. Reported on a need to align the Business Plan and Budget to Strategic Plan.</li><li>4. Recommended a procedure be developed for preparing the annual business plan and budget.</li><li>5. Recommended a review be undertaken of the formatting for the Long Term Financial Plan.</li></ol>
Policies	Recommendations to the board for adoption of 3 new policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board Induction</li><li>• Records and Information Management</li><li>• Risk Management</li></ul>
Membership	The final meeting noted the contribution Mayor Kathie Bowman had provided to the committee.
Equity / Reserves	Recommendations to Board on the levels to be held.

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### LEGATUS GROUP

#### General Purpose Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2023

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### LEGATUS GROUP

#### ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2023

#### CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have been authorised by the Legatus Group to certify the financial statements in their final form.  
In our opinion:

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and Australian Accounting Standards.
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Legatus Group's financial position at 30 June 2023 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Legatus Group provide a reasonable assurance that the Group's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Legatus Group's accounting and other records.

.....  
Simon MILLCOCK  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

.....  
Mayor Rodney REID  
CHAIR

Date:

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### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Council Contributions	2	173,850	170,400
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	107,600	93,783
Investment income	2	22,035	7,032
Other income	2	18,329	3,108
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>321,814</b>	<b>274,323</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Employee costs	3	272,632	263,171
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	167,150	305,395
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	1,372	7,209
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>441,154</b>	<b>575,775</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>		<b>(119,340)</b>	<b>(301,453)</b>
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>		<b>(119,340)</b>	<b>(301,453)</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		<b>(119,340)</b>	<b>(301,453)</b>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.



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### LEGATUS GROUP

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 June 2022

		2023	2022
	Notes	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	504,240	657,733
Trade & other receivables	4	91,100	2,152
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>595,340</b>	<b>659,885</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>			
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	5	13,409	13,872
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>		<b>13,409</b>	<b>13,872</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>608,749</b>	<b>673,757</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade & other payables	6	74,037	15,037
Provisions	6	13,457	23,881
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>87,494</b>	<b>38,918</b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>			
Provisions	6	21,423	15,667
<b>Total Non-current Liabilities</b>		<b>21,423</b>	<b>15,667</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>108,917</b>	<b>54,585</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>499,832</b>	<b>619,172</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated Surplus		230,062	349,402
Other Reserves	7	269,770	269,770
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>499,832</b>	<b>619,172</b>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 June 2023

		Accumulated Surplus	Other Reserves	TOTAL EQUITY
2023	Notes	\$	\$	\$
Balance at end of previous reporting period		349,402	269,770	619,172
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(119,340)	-	(119,340)
Other Comprehensive Income				
Transfers between reserves	7	-	-	-
Balance at end of period		230,062	269,770	499,832
2022				
Balance at end of previous reporting period		650,854	269,770	920,624
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(301,453)	-	(301,453)
Other Comprehensive Income				
Transfers between reserves	7	-	-	-
Balance at end of period		349,402	269,770	619,172

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

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#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the year ended 30 June 2023

		2023	2022
		\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	Notes		
<u>Receipts</u>			
Council Contributions		173,850	170,400
Investment receipts		22,035	7,032
Grants utilised for operating purposes		18,652	131,599
Reimbursements		-	-
Other revenues		18,329	3,108
<u>Payments</u>			
Employee costs		(277,300)	(255,086)
Materials, contracts & other expenses		(108,150)	(327,520)
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities</b>	8	<b>(152,584)</b>	<b>(270,467)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Sale of replaced assets		-	-
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		-	-
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(909)	(1,720)
Purchase of investment property		-	-
Net purchase of investment securities		-	-
Development of real estate for sale		-	-
Loans made to community groups		-	-
Capital contributed to equity accounted Council businesses		-	-
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities</b>		<b>(909)</b>	<b>(1,720)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from borrowings		-	-
Proceeds from aged care facility deposits		-	-
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of borrowings		-	-
Repayment of finance lease liabilities		-	-
Repayment of aged care facility deposits		-	-
<b>Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held</b>		<b>(153,493)</b>	<b>(272,187)</b>
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	8	657,733	929,919
<b>Cash &amp; cash equivalents at end of period</b>	8	<b>504,240</b>	<b>657,733</b>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

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#### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2023

##### Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

##### 1. Basis of Preparation

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Interpretations and relevant South Australian legislation.

The financial report was authorised for issue by certificate under regulation 14 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates, and requires management to exercise its judgement in applying the Group's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are specifically referred to in the relevant sections of this Note.

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar (\$).

##### 1.1 Historical Cost Convention

Except as stated below, these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

##### 1.2 The Local Government Reporting Entity

The Legatus Group ("the Group") is a regional subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

The Constituent Councils are:

- |                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. The Barossa Council               | 2. District Council of Mount Remarkable  |
| 3. Barunga West Council              | 4. Northern Areas Council                |
| 5. Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council | 6. District Council of Orroroo/Carrieton |
| 7. Copper Coast Council              | 8. District Council of Peterborough      |
| 9. The Flinders Ranges Council       | 10. Port Pirie Regional Council          |
| 11. Regional Council of Goyder       | 12. Wakefield Regional Council           |
| 13. Light Regional Council           | 14. Yorke Peninsula Council, and         |
| 15. Adelaide Plains Council.         |  |

All funds received and expended by the Group have been included in the Financial Statements forming part of this Financial Report.

##### 1.3 Income recognition

Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Income is recognised when the Group obtains control over the assets comprising the income, or when the amount due constitutes an enforceable debt, whichever first occurs.

Where grants, contributions and donations recognised as incomes during the reporting period were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period, and those conditions were undischarged as at the reporting date, the amounts subject to those undischarged conditions are disclosed in these notes. Also disclosed is the amount of grants, contributions and receivables recognised as incomes in a previous reporting period which were obtained in respect of the Group's operations for the current reporting period.

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### LEGATUS GROUP

#### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2023

##### Note 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

###### 1.4 Cash, Cash Equivalents and other Financial Instruments

Cash Assets include all amounts readily convertible to cash on hand at the Group's option with an insignificant risk of changes in value with a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Receivables for generally unsecured and do not bear interest. All receivables are reviewed as at the reporting date and adequate allowance made for amounts the receipt of which is considered doubtful.

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments forms part of Note 10.

###### 1.5 Vehicles & Contents

All non-current assets purchased are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use". All assets are recognised at cost. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition.

Assets with an economic life in excess of one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by the Group for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is had to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are as follows:

Contents	\$2,000
Motor Vehicles	\$5,000

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis which, in the opinion of the Group, best reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values of classes of assets are reviewed annually. Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are shown below.

Contents	1 to 5 years
Motor Vehicles	3 to 5 years

###### 1.6 Payables

Creditors are amounts due to external parties for the supply of goods and services and are recognised as liabilities when the goods and services are received. Creditors are normally paid 30 days after the month of invoice. No interest is payable on these amounts.

Amounts received from external parties in advance of service delivery are recognised as liabilities until the service is delivered or damage reinstated, or the amount is refunded as the case may be.

###### 1.7 Employee Benefits

###### Salaries, Wages & Compensated Absences

The Group has 2 FTE employees as at the 30 June 2023, a Chief Executive Officer, a part-time Project Officer and a part-time Admin Officer. Liabilities for employees' entitlements to salaries, wages and compensated absences expected to be paid or settled within 12 months of reporting date are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll based oncosts) measured in accordance with AASB 119.

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll based oncosts) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Present values are calculated using government 10 year bond rates.

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No accrual is made for sick leave as the Group's experience indicates that, on average, sick leave taken in each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods. The Group does not make payment for untaken sick leave.

##### 1.8 Superannuation

The Group contributes the statutory 10.5% SGC superannuation to the nominated superannuation funds for all staff. This will increase to 11.0% for the 2023-24 financial year.

##### 1.9 GST Implications

In accordance with UIG Abstract 1031 "Accounting for the Goods & Services Tax"

- Receivables and Creditors include GST receivable and payable.
- Except in relation to input taxed activities, revenues and operating expenditures exclude GST receivable and payable.
- Non-current assets and capital expenditures include GST net of any recoupment.
- Amounts included in the Statement of Cash Flows are disclosed on a gross basis.

##### 1.10 Leases

In the previous year, the Group performed an assessment of the potential impact of AASB 16 *Leases*. The Group was only engaged in a short-term lease as per Section 5 of AASB 16 and therefore the lease was recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. There were no leases for the year 22-23.

##### 1.11 New Accounting Standards

In the current year, the Group adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current reporting period. The adoption of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations has not resulted in any material changes to the Group's accounting policies.

The Group has not applied any Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective. Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2023 reporting period and have not been used in preparing these reports.

AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current

AASB 2020-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual Improvement 2018-2020 and Other Amendments

AASB 2020-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current

AASB 17 Insurance Contracts

The Group is of the view that none of the above new standards or interpretations will affect any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements, but that they may impact certain information otherwise disclosed.

##### 1.12 Economic Dependencies

The Group is aware of its current dependence on Grants Revenue received from the Commonwealth Government, State Government and the Local Government Association for the ongoing operations of the Group. Should the Group not secure funding or a significantly reduced level of funding in future years, it may impact on the ability of the Group to continue operating as a going concern.

##### 1.13 Disclaimer

Nothing contained within these statements may be taken to be an admission of any liability to any person under any circumstance.

##### 1.14 Comparative Information

During the financial year, the Group has reviewed the allocation and classification of some transactions which have been updated in the comparative information presented. Changes in classification has resulted in no change to the previously reported financial performance and position of the Group.

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#### Note 2 - INCOME

	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
<u>General Contribution</u>	173,850	170,400
	<u>173,850</u>	<u>170,400</u>
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		
Interest on investments		
Local Government Finance Authority	22,035	7,032
Banks	-	-
	<u>22,035</u>	<u>7,032</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Conference Registrations & Sponsorship	13,211	3,108
Sundry	5,118	-
	<u>18,329</u>	<u>3,108</u>
<b>GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
CWMS	31,000	28,000
Disaster Recovery	29,100	-
Volunteering	7,500	-
Regional Capacity	40,000	42,783
SA Road Funding	-	15,000
NRM - - Landscape Priority	-	8,000
	<u>107,600</u>	<u>93,783</u>
<i>The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 10.</i>		
<b>Sources of grants</b>		
Commonwealth government	-	-
State government	29,100	8,000
LGA	71,000	85,783
Other	7,500	-
	<u>107,600</u>	<u>93,783</u>

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##### Note 3 - EXPENSES

	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>EMPLOYEE COSTS</b>		
Salaries and Wages	200,665	198,882
Employee leave expense	37,008	31,768
Superannuation	25,358	22,064
Workers' Compensation Insurance	2,920	4,232
Professional Development	461	127
FBT	6,220	6,098
<b>Total Operating Employee Costs</b>	<b>272,632</b>	<b>263,171</b>
 <b>Total Number of Employees</b>	 <b>1.9</b>	 <b>2.0</b>
<i>(Full time equivalent at end of reporting period)</i>		
<b>MATERIALS, CONTRACTS &amp; OTHER EXPENSES</b>		
<u>Prescribed Expenses</u>		
Auditor's Remuneration	2,441	2,338
Subtotal - Prescribed Expenses	2,441	2,338
<u>Other Materials, Contracts &amp; Expenses</u>		
Contractors & Consultants	107,179	241,380
Legal Expenses	-	80
Unleaded Fuel	3,939	4,075
Other Motor Vehicle Costs	3,538	2,752
Members Allowances & Support	4,500	4,125
Meetings & Conferences	13,381	4,807
Insurance	10,537	8,921
Rental - Premises	-	9,603
Advertising	1,268	704
Accommodation	1,230	1,932
Airfares, Taxi Fares & Parking	223	263
Travel - Reimbursement	2,079	1,124
Catering & Meals	7,507	7,372
Telephone & Internet	2,981	3,871
IT & Web	5,354	10,963
Postage/Stationery	644	784
Sundry	349	300
Subtotal - Other Materials, Contracts & Expenses	164,709	303,057
	<b>167,150</b>	<b>305,395</b>
 <b>DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION &amp; IMPAIRMENT</b>		
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Motor Vehicle	1,372	5,489
Contents	-	1,720
	<b>1,372</b>	<b>7,209</b>



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##### Note 4 - CURRENT ASSETS

###### CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS

Cash at Bank	38,081	12,324
Deposits at Call	466,159	645,409
	<u>504,240</u>	<u>657,733</u>

###### TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES

Accrued Revenues	1,780	495
Other levels of Government	89,320	-
GST / FBT Recoupment	-	1,657
	<u>91,100</u>	<u>2,152</u>

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#### Note 5 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS - VEHICLES & CONTENTS

	2022				2023			
	\$				\$			
	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT	AT FAIR VALUE	AT COST	ACCUM DEP'N	CARRYING AMOUNT
Motor Vehicles	-	28,967	(15,095)	13,872	-	29,876	(16,467)	13,409
Contents	-	3,678	(3,678)	-	-	3,678	(3,678)	-
<b>TOTAL PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>	-	32,645	(18,773)	13,872	-	33,554	(20,145)	13,409
<i>Comparatives</i>	-	32,915	(13,554)	19,361	-	32,645	(18,773)	13,872

	2022	CARRYING AMOUNT MOVEMENTS DURING YEAR							2023
	\$	\$							\$
	CARRYING AMOUNT	Additions		Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Transfers		CARRYING AMOUNT
		New/Upgrade	Renewals				In	Out	
Motor Vehicles	13,872	909	-	-	(1,372)	-	-	-	13,409
Contents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>13,872</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,372)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,409</b>
<i>Comparatives</i>	<i>19,361</i>	<i>1,720</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(7,209)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>13,872</i>

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##### Note 6 - LIABILITIES

	2023 \$		2022 \$	
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
<b>TRADE &amp; OTHER PAYABLES</b>				
Goods & Services	-	-	2,205	-
Payments received in advance	49,100	-	7,500	-
Accrued expenses - employee entitlements	4,919	-	4,082	-
Accrued expenses - other	2,250	-	1,250	-
GST & PAYG	17,768	-	-	-
	<b>74,037</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,037</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>PROVISIONS</b>				
Employee entitlements - Annual Leave	13,457	-	23,881	-
Employee entitlements - Long Service Leave	-	21,423	-	15,667
	<b>13,457</b>	<b>21,423</b>	<b>23,881</b>	<b>15,667</b>

##### Note 7 - RESERVES

OTHER RESERVES	1/7/2022	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	30/6/2023
General Reserve	269,770	-	-	269,770
<b>TOTAL OTHER RESERVES</b>	<b>269,770</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>269,770</b>
<i>Comparatives</i>	<i>269,770</i>			<i>269,770</i>

##### PURPOSES OF RESERVES

###### Other Reserves

This reserve was established to provide for one year of basic operation (employee costs, vehicle costs, insurance, materials), should no revenue be received.

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##### Note 8 - RECONCILIATION TO CASH FLOW STATEMENT

###### (a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity subject to insignificant risk of changes of value. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
Total cash & equivalent assets	4	504,240	657,733
Less: Short-term borrowings	8	-	-
Balances per Cash Flow Statement		<u>504,240</u>	<u>657,733</u>

###### (b) Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities

Net Surplus (Deficit)	(119,340)	(301,453)
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	1,372	7,209
Net increase (decrease) in unpaid employee benefits	(4,668)	8,085
	(122,636)	(286,159)
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	(88,948)	37,818
Net (increase) decrease in other current assets	(909)	-
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	59,000	(22,125)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	<u>(153,493)</u>	<u>(270,466)</u>

##### Note 9 - FUNCTIONS

The activities of the Region are categorised into the following programs, projects & activities:

- 1 A - Corporate Function
- 2 P001 - Regional & Community Sustainability
- 3 P006 - Disaster & Emergency Management
- 4 P009 - CWMS & Climate Change Co-ordinator
- 5 P017 - Waste Management Composting
- 6 P022 - Roads & Transport
- 7 P027 - Community Capacity Building
- 8 P028 - Regional Capacity Building
- 9 P034 - N&Y Coastal Management Action Plan
- 10 P038 - Regional Waste Strategy
- 11 P040 - Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- 12 P045 - Aboriginal Engagement Committee
- 13 P046 - DCP Pilot Organics Plant

Income and expenses have been attributed to the functions/activities throughout the financial year.

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##### Note 10 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

All financial instruments are categorised as *loans and receivables*.

##### Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments

**Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits** **Accounting Policy:** Carried at lower of cost and net realisable value; Interest is recognised when earned.

Terms & conditions: Short term deposits are available on 24 hour call with the LGFA and have an interest rate of 4.30% as at 30 June 2023

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.

**Receivables - Trade & other debtors**

**Accounting Policy:** Carried at nominal value.

**Terms & conditions:** Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest.

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value.

**Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals**

**Accounting Policy:** Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Group.

**Terms & conditions:** Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.

**Carrying amount:** approximates fair value.

##### Liquidity Analysis

	2023	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<b>Financial Assets</b>		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents		504,240	-	-	504,240	504,240
Receivables		91,100	-	-	91,100	91,100
Other Financial Assets		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>595,340</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>595,340</b>	<b>595,340</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>						
Payables		2,250	-	-	2,250	2,250
Current Borrowings		-	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Borrowings		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>2,250</b>

	2022	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year; ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<b>Financial Assets</b>		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents		657,733	-	-	657,733	657,733
Receivables		2,152	-	-	2,152	2,152
Other Financial Assets		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>659,885</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>659,885</b>	<b>659,885</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>						
Payables		1,250	-	-	1,250	1,250
Current Borrowings		-	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Borrowings		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,250</b>

##### Net Fair Value

All carrying values approximate fair value for all recognised financial instruments. There is no recognised market for the financial assets of the Group.

##### Risk Exposures

**Credit Risk** represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Group is the carrying amount, net of any allowance for doubtful debts. All Group investments are made with the SA Local Government Finance Authority and are guaranteed by the SA Government. Except as detailed in Notes 5 & 6 in relation to individual classes of receivables, exposure is concentrated within the Group's boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

**Market Risk** is the risk that fair values of financial assets will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices. All of the Group's financial assets are denominated in Australian dollars and are not traded on any market, and hence neither market risk nor **currency risk** apply.

**Liquidity Risk** is the risk that the Group will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Management Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates.

**Interest Rate Risk** is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Cash flow fluctuations are managed holistically in seeking to minimise interest costs over the longer term in a risk averse manner.

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##### Note 11 - FINANCIAL INDICATORS

	2023	2022	2021
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These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with *Information Paper 9 - Local Government Financial Indicators* prepared as part of the LGA Financial Sustainability Program for the Local Government Association of South Australia. Detailed methods of calculation are set out in the SA Model Statements.

The Information Paper was revised in May 2015 and the financial indicators for previous years have been re-calculated in accordance with the revised formulas.

##### Operating Surplus Ratio

<u>Operating Surplus</u>	(37.1%)	(109.9%)	(49.8%)
Total Operating Income			

*This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of total operating revenue.*

##### Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

<u>Net Financial Liabilities</u>	(151%)	(221%)	(148%)
Total Operating Income			

*Net Financial Liabilities are defined as total liabilities less financial assets. These are expressed as a percentage of total operating revenue.*

##### Asset Renewal Funding Ratio

<u>Net Asset Renewals</u>	0%	0%	0%
Depreciation Expenditure			

*Net asset renewals expenditure is defined as net capital expenditure on the renewal and replacement of existing assets, and excludes new capital expenditure on the acquisition of additional assets.*

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##### Note 12 - UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Group prepared on a simplified Uniform Presentation Framework basis.

All Councils in South Australia have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.

The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Council's finances

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Income	321,814	274,323
Expenses	(441,154)	(575,775)
<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(119,340)</b>	<b>(301,453)</b>
<b>Net Outlays on Existing Assets</b>		
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	-	-
Add back Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	1,372	7,209
Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	-	-
	<b>1,372</b>	<b>7,209</b>
<b>Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets</b>		
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets (including investment property & real estate developments)	(909)	(1,720)
Amounts received spec. for New and Upgraded Assets	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets (including investment property and real estate developments)	-	-
	<b>(909)</b>	<b>(1,720)</b>
<b>Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year</b>	<b>(118,877)</b>	<b>(295,964)</b>

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##### Note 13 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

###### KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The Key Management Personnel of the Group include the 15 Mayors/Chairpersons of the constituent Councils and the CEO. In all, 1 person was paid the following total compensation:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Salaries, allowances & other short term benefits	163,432	158,801
Member Allowance	4,500	4,125
Post-employment benefits	17,160	15,880
Long term benefits	-	-
FBT	6,220	6,098
Termination benefits	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>191,312</b>	<b>184,904</b>

The Group received the following amounts in total:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Contributions for fringe benefits tax purposes	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

###### PARTIES RELATED TO KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

During the reporting period, no Key Management Personnel or parties related to them had any transactions on more favourable terms than those available to the general public.

###### OTHER RELATED PARTIES

Amounts received from Related Parties during the financial year and owed by Related Parties at the end of the financial year (inclusive of GST).	Received 2023	Outstanding 2023
	\$	\$
The Barossa Council	12,749	-
Barunga West Council	12,749	-
Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council	12,749	-
Copper Coast Council	12,749	-
The Flinders Ranges Council	12,749	-
Regional Council of Goyder	12,749	-
Light Regional Council	12,749	-
Adelaide Plains Council	12,749	-
District Council of Mount Remarkable	12,749	-
Northern Areas Council	12,749	-
District Council of Orroroo / Carrieton	12,749	-
District Council of Peterborough	12,749	-
Port Pirie Regional Council	12,749	-
Wakefield Regional Council	12,749	-
Yorke Peninsula Council	12,749	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>191,235</b>	<b>-</b>

###### Description of Services provided to all Related Parties above:

The Legatus Group is the peak regional local government organisation that is focused on the interests of its communities. The Legatus Group's primary purpose focuses on the wealth, wellbeing and social cohesion of these communities via a sustainable approach of productive landscapes and natural environment. Its focus is on the key roles of local government.

The Group has Five Primary Goals and numerous strategies to achieve these are outlined in the Group's Strategic Plan 2018-2028 which is available on the Group's website.



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##### **Note 14 - CONTINGENCIES & ASSETS & LIABILITIES NOT RECOGNISED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

There are no contingencies, assets or liabilities not recognised in the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.

##### **Note 15 - EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER REPORTING DATE**

There were no events subsequent to 30 June 2023 that need to be disclosed in the financial statements.

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##### CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of the Legatus Group for the year ended 30 June 2023, the Council's Auditor, Dean Newbery & Partners, has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22(3) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
The Barossa Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
Barunga West Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council

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District Council of Mount Remarkable

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
Northern Areas Council

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Port Pirie Regional Council

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## FLINDERS REGIONAL ASSESSMENT PANEL

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

The Terms of Reference for the Flinders Regional Assessment Panel ("the Panel") requires that the Panel, through the Public Officer, to report in writing to the Constituent Councils on an annual basis, detailing:

- The level of attendance of Panel Members at Panel Meetings;
- The Panel's activity and performance in making decisions; and
- Comment on or an analysis of policy or process that are relevant to the Panel's assessment functions and suggesting improvements.

During the course of the 2022-2023 Financial Year, there was one (1) application referred to the Panel, and the Panel met on one occasion.

As required, the following tables summarise the level of attendance of Panel Members at meetings and the activity and performance of the Panel in decision making.

Panel Member Attendance				
Member	Meetings Eligible to Attend	Present	Apology	Absent without Apology
Ms Shanti Ditter	1	0	1	0
Mr John Brak	1	1	0	0
Mr David Hutchison	1	1	0	0
Cr Angus Searcy (FRC)	1	1	0	0
Cr Ian Carpenter (FRC Proxy)	0	0	0	0

Panel Activity						
Constituent Council	App's Referred to Panel	Approved	Refused	Appealed	Withdrawn by Applicant	Deferred
The Flinders Ranges Council	1	1	0	0	0	0
District Council of Mount Remarkable	0	0	0	0	0	0
District Council of Orroroo Carrieton	0	0	0	0	0	0
District Council of Peterborough	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Eric Brown**  
The Flinders Ranges Council

5/10/2023